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'The Portrait-Art,' which opens vol. ii., has a somewhat more technical character than other essays; it expresses, amid much other matter, a very high estimate of mediæval sepulchral monuments. 'The School of Boiardo,' a poet whom our author prefers on the whole to Ariosto and to all the other eminent writers of that cycle, is full of knowledge and suggestion on the original and the recast Carolingian poems and romances and those of the Arthurian tradition. (We hope, by-the-by, that Vernon Lee understands Italian prosody better than to approve the printed form of the motto at

the head of this article, "Le donne, i cava-lieri, l'armi, gli amori.") Lastly comes the longest essay of all, 'Mediæval Love,' fill-ing nearly one hundred pages. This is certainly a masterly performance, going over a wide field, and showing at every stage abundant discrimination, and perhaps as much discretion as is consistent with a fair presentment of the subject. Its drift may be briefly, and of course not adequately, summarized thus. In the writers of antiquity love figures either as dignified but reserved onjugal affection, or as a frankly animal passion. In the very old Teutonic or Northern writings little appears beyond conjugal love, and this subordinated to the claims of blood-relationship. With the Trouvères and Troubadours of France and Provence love is a sentiment and an occupation too, full of humble elaborate devotion and delicate attentions. But the real basis and background of fact for all this romantic veneering was a state of chronic adultery; it was always some great lord's lady round whom gently nurtured knights and retainers were dangling and philandering, and she was allowed, and even bound by the code of the time, to be not too chastely irresponsive to one or other of them, and meanwhile there was neither sentiment nor so much as acquaintance between the unmarried youth of the two sexes. An eloquent passage is given to Gottfried of Strasburg's 'Tristram and Isolde,' which the author regards as a unique monument of mediæval lovewriting, having no true sequel until we come to the days of 'Clarissa' and the 'Nouvelle Héloïse.' The approved love of the Middle Ages was, therefore, simply fidelity in adultery. This holds good of the earliest Italian or Sicilian poetry, although Vernon Lee considers that irregular gallantries with married women had little part in Italian social arrangements until introduced under the Spanish rule. With Dante's 'Vita Nuova' a new epoch begins. Here love becomes pure and almost impersonal the love of a man for the beauty, womanliness, and spiritual grace of woman, without any thought of marriage, still less of possession without the sanction of marriage. Petrarch repeats, at the same time that he dilutes and sophisticates, the same conception of love; and it bears later fruit in the great Shakspearean drama, and generally in all sorts of more modern forms. This very able and searching review of a difficult subject could scarcely be surpassed from its own standpoint. It proceeds, as our readers will perceive from our skeleton abstract, on the assumption that the mediæval love poetry embodies real feelings, sometimes of a licentious and at other times of a peculiarly pure kind; and it leaves in the background that other large problem which some different orders of mind have raised, and will no doubt continue to raise, whether the love poetry under discussion is concerned with genuine passions at all, or only with abstract conceptions under an allegorical garb.

This essay terminates the book, except for an epilogue and an appendix. The former refers to the waste of mediæval intellect upon spiritual fancies, to the neglect of human realities, and admits that the author has in various instances laid down broad propositions without allowing for the ex-

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ceptions. The appendix refers principally to authorities, and especially to the writer's large debt to Michelet. Her acknowledg-ment as to the omission of exceptions disarms the critic, who might otherwise be inclined to insist upon them for himself. For instance, the strong language about the frightfully degraded position allotted to serfs and the labouring classes by the medieval mind in non-Italian lands seems hardly consistent with the extreme tenderness and indulgence of the Christian religion towards the poor, simply as such, and strong counterevidence might be found in the beautiful warmth of sympathy with which Chaucer regards and describes his Ploughman; and so on with other passages which make the reader pause from time to time.

Vernon Lee, as we have already indicated, writes well, with emphasis, point, and extreme fluency; every now and then, however, some phrase is arbitrary and in doubtful taste, such as "Paduan penny-a-liners" in relation to some romance-writers of the Middle Ages. We shall conclude with some extracts, which show, inter alia, her power of hard hitting. The first extract (which, as well as the second, comes from the article 'Symmetria Prisca') describes one of

Mantegna's famous prints:-

"The other print, called 'The Bacchanal,' has no background: half a dozen male figures stand separate and naked as in a bas-relief. Some are leaning against a vine-wreathed tub: a Satyr, with acanthus-leaves growing won-drously out of him, half man half plant, is emptying a cup: a heavy Silenus is prone upon the ground: a Faun, seated upon the vat, is supporting in his arms a beautiful sinking youth: another youth-grand, muscular, and grave as a statue-stands on the further side. Is this really a bacchanal? Yes, for there is the paunchy Silenus, there are the Fauns, there the vat and vine-wreaths and drinking-horns. And yet it cannot be a bacchanal. Compare with it one of Rubens's orgies, where the overgrown rubicund men and women and Fauns tumble about in tumultuous riotous intoxication. That is a bacchanal: they have been drinking, those magnificent brutes, there is wine firing their blood and weighing down their heads. But here all is different, in this so-called Bacchanal of Mantegna. This heavy Silenus is supine like a mass of marble: these Fauns are shy and mute: these youths are grave and sombre. There is no wine in the cups, there are no lees in the vat, there is no life in these magnificent colossal forms: there is no blood in their grandly-bent lips, no light in their wide-opened eyes. It is not the drowsiness of intoxication which is weighing down the youth sustained by the Faun: it is no grape-juice which gives that strange vague glance. No; they have drunk, but not vague glance. No; they have drunk, but not of any mortal drink: the grapes are grown in Persephone's garden, the vat contains no fruits that have ripened beneath our sun. These strange, mute, solemn revellers have drunk of Lethe, and they are growing cold with the cold of death and of marble. They are the ghosts of the dead ones of antiquity revisiting the artist of the Renaissance; who paints them, thinking he is painting life, while that which he paints is in reality death."

The above remarks illustrate the main theme of the essay to which they belongthe conflicting influences of mediæval and classic fine art. The same subject is continued in the following very decisive and even one-sided observations upon the sort of gesture which the artist of the fifteenth century had to study among his contemporaries :-

"The artist must seek for attitude and gesture among his townsfolk, and among them he can find only trivial, awkward, often vulgar move-ment. They have never been taught how to stand or to move with grace and dignity. The artist must study attitude and gesture in the market-place or the bull-baiting ground, where Ghirlandajo found his jauntily strutting idlers, and Verrocchio his brutally staggering prize-fighters. Between the constrained attitudinizing of Byzantine and Giottesque tradition, and the imitation of the movements of clodhoppers and ragamuffins, the realist of the fifteenth century would wander hopeless were it not for the antique. Genius and science are of no avail. The position of Christ in baptism in the paintings of Verrocchio and Ghirlandajo is mean and ser-vile: the movement of the 'Thunder-stricken' in Signorelli's lunettes is an inconceivable mixture of the brutish, the melodramatic, and the comic: the magnificently drawn youth at the door of the prison in Filippino's 'Liberation of St. Peter' fashion which is truly ignoble. And the same applies to sculptured figures, or to figures standing isolated like statues. No Greek would have ventured upon the swaggering position, with legs apart and elbows out, of Donatello's St. George or Perugino's St. Michael; and a young Athenian who should have assumed the attitude of Verrocchio's David, with tripping legs and hand clapped on his hip, would have been sent to sit in a corner as a saucy little raga-

Knight-errantry, with its relation to the Arthurian cycle of romance, is deftly touched in the following extract, taken from 'The School of Boiardo':—

"Long inaction and the day-dreaming of idleness had refined and idealized the heroes of this Keltic race—a race of brilliant fancy and almost Keltic race—a race of brilliant fancy and almost southern mobility, and softened for a long time by contact with Roman colonists and Christian priests. They were not the brutal combatants of an active fighting age, like the heroes of the Edda and of the Carolingian cycles; nor had they any particular military work to do, belonging as they did to a people huddled away into inactivity. Their sole occupation was to extend abroad that ideal happiness which rejerted in the inactivity. Their sole occupation was to extend abroad that ideal happiness which reigned in the ideal court of Arthur; to go forth on the loose, and see what ill-conditioned folk there might yet be who required being subdued or taught manners in the happy kingdom which the poor insignificant Kelts connected with some parti-cular princelet of theirs who centuries before may have momentarily repelled the pagan Saxons. Hence in the Keltic stories, such as they exist in the versions previous to the con-quest by the Norman kings, and previous also to any communications with other peoples, the distinct beginning of what was later to be called knight-errantry; of heroes, creations of an in-active nation, having no special military duties, going forth to do what good they may at random, unforced by any necessity, and following a mere esthetico romantic plan of perfecting themselves by deeds of valour to become more worthy of their God, their King, and their Lady : religion, loyalty, and love, all three of them mere æsthetic abstractions, becoming the goal of an essentially æsthetic unpractical system of self-improvement such as was utterly incompatible with any real and serious business in life. Idle poetic fancies of an inert people, the Knights of the Round Table have no mission save that of being poetically perfect."

Blackberries picked off Many Bushes. By D.
Pollex and Others. Put in a Basket by
W. Allingham. (Philip & Son.)

Day and Night Songs. By William Alling-ham. New Edition. (Same publishers.) UNDER the quaint title of 'Blackberries,' Mr. Allingham has published a series of section ending with the couplet:

versicles dealing—in a spirit chiefly satirical but occasionally didactic—with the problems and features of life and destiny. Whether verse is the best or even an appropriate medium for the kind of reflections in which he indulges is an open question. Mr. Allingham thinks intelligently and sanely, a conjunction not always to be found. He overtaxes his Pegasus, however, employing her for purposes for which a hack might have sufficed. It has been urged against George Wither that he turned his muse into a servant of all work. Mr. Allingham does not subject his muse to such humilia. tion, but he puts her to unworthy service. Englishmen are tolerant of didactic verse. and all sorts of subjects-from the points of good husbandry which commended them. selves to Tusser, or the mysteries of Neo-Platonism which inspired Henry More, to the triumphs of the grave as sung by Robert Blair—have been accepted as available for the poet. The interest of the world in themes of this kind has not, however, been continuous, and a wiser selection of subjects is to be counselled to the poet of to-day. As part of a scheme of thought a couplet like the following may perhaps pass :-

A woman's prime is nearly done Before a man's is well begun.

It is difficult, however, on any other ground to justify its appearance in print. The same is true of some scores of similar utterances:

Whatever joys await the blest above, No bliss below like happy wedded love,

Our life is a ship at sea; On an unknown voyage we.

> Who cannot money save Must live and die a slave.

The surest test of health is sleep, Turbid and broken, or fresh and deep.

That Mr. Allingham does not claim to have originated these reflections is, of course, assumed. They are, however, too familiar and commonplace to be worth repeating, and the "tag," as Milton calls the rhyme, adds nothing to their value or interest. To those familiar with Mr. Allingham's accomplishment it is needless to say that his average in 'Blackberries' is higher than this. The excision, however, of a third of the volume would strengthen the remainder. If not autobiographical, 'Blackberries' is at least so introspective as to cast a strong light upon the author. It shows us the man, if not as he is, at least as he wishes and strives to be. Regarded in this aspect the volume is not without interest. The life depicted is occupied with struggle and perplexed with doubt. Beyond the cloud and storm are, however, smooth waters and a clear sky. Many of the longer poems -the longest is short-recall in this respect the lyrics of Clough.

Mr. Allingham is a severe critic of dogmatism, theological or scientific. Friendship in its common acceptation, love, and woman are in turn treated with a philosophic irony not unmixed with cynicism :-

Mary would have loved me well Could I but have let her; Mary's gone, and, sooth to tell, Sorely I regret her. Were she here-much I fear We should do no better.

Criticism comes in for so severe a lashing it is some consolation to the critic to find the

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Critics, good-bye! in peace your trade pursue! We nevermore will speak or think of you.

An individual is occasionally dealt with; witness the following distich, headed 'Self-Criticism ':-

J. R. saith S. T. C. is but a muff At writing verse. J. R. hath said enough,

Little purpose would be served by further quotations, showing how through satire of most things human Mr. Allingham seeks to teach. There is much in 'Blackberries' to teach. There is much in 'Blackberries' that may be read with amusement or pleasure. As a whole the book is disappointing. As if to point the lesson of error, Mr. Allingham has placed in the front of his volume one or two poems written in his best style. After reading the lovely description of Bramble Hill, in which the poet shows his full sympathy with Nature and his close and appreciative insight into her mysteries, it is disappointing to come upon him in his mocking mood.

Further to accentuate the lesson of mistake to which we have pointed, 'Blackberries' is accompanied by a reissue of Mr. Allingham's 'Day and Night Songs.' Turning to 'An Autumn Evening, with its balmy atmosphere of contentment, to the lovely lines headed 'To Eärine,' to 'Down on the Shore,' and other poems, it is difficult to resist the hope that the writer will return to his old faith and to the class of verse in which his reputation has been obtained.

A Booke of Fishing with Hooke and Line.

Made by L[eonard] M[ascall]. Reprinted
from the Edition of 1590. With Preface and Glossary by Thomas Satchell. (Satchell & Co.)

Among the few books on fishing, as distinguished from natural history, which Walton consulted for his 'Compleat Angler,' L. M. was not forgotten. In his chapter on the carp Walton repeats L. M.'s statement, now known to be incorrect :-

"The first bringer of them into England (as I haue beene credibly enformed) was Maister Mascoll of Plumsted in Sussex, who also brought first the planting of the Pippin in

Writers on angling have always used with more or less freedom the works of their predecessors, and L. M. is no exception.
The piscatorial part of his black-letter
treatise was largely adapted from the 'Treatyse of Fysshynge wyth an Angle' and from 'L'Agriculture et Maison Rustique de Charles Estienne,' Paris, 1564. Like Gervase Markham in the next century, Leonard Mascall was a country gentleman, fond of rural economy and sport of all kinds. He wrote on planting and grafting and on cattle, and in this 'Booke of Fishing' betrays his sympathy with the crossbow and "hand gunne," and with fowling in all the varied modes of it popular in his day. From internal evidence it would seem that he lived in Hants and was familiar with the Thames near Windsor and Twyford.

In several points L. M. was much before his age. Thus he directs fish kept in ponds to be frequently fed: "It shal be good to cast vnto them of small fish, and of guts and

the chopped liver, &c., which it is found necessary to throw to the young fish. L. M. would always sanction a close time also to fish, especially when spawning. In France from mid-March to mid-May, he says, no one is allowed to lay nets and engines during the night, "nor yet the fisher men to fish at no time with any nets vnder foure inch mash, because they shall not kill the small fish"; adding, in the spirit of a true sportsman, "I wish to God it were here so with vs in England, and to have more preseruers, and lesse spoylers of fish out of season and in season; then we should have more plentie than we have through this Realme." With the abundance of sea fish now distributed over the kingdom from Grimsby, we are in danger of forgetting how indebted our forefathers were to freshwater fish, not merely for fare on fast days, but as a large staple of subsistence. Letting waters for fishing, and that in an unscrupulous fashion, is mentioned by L. M. more than once as being common in the sixteenth century. He also set great store on protecting the spawn of fish. Indeed, the germs of modern fish culture are apparent in this book.

L. M. has much that is of interest to the naturalist. Men disdain the eel, for instance, because "he will gender with the water snake, which thing possibly may be."
Walton, following Gesner, asserts that pike are bred from a weed called pickerel weed.

L. M. has a similar idea :--

"The excrements of standing pooles are frogges, which in many places being well drest, they eate like fish, and is calde a kinde of fish, and doe taste as well as a young poullet, for I tasted my part of many."

In several East Anglian rivers a little-known fish is taken called the burbot or eelpout. It is a relic of the geological connexion of England with the Continent, and the fish is found not uncommonly throughout Northern countries. It is something like the salt-water ling. L. M., ever alive to economical considerations, deems

"it shall be good for all Gentlemen and others having the government of any rivers, brookes, or standing pooles, to replenish them with all such kinde of fish as may there be preserued or bred, as well of straying as others. There is a kinde of fish in Holand, in the fennes beside Peterborrow, which they call a poult, they be like in making and greatnesse to the Whiting, but of the cullour of the Loch; they come foorth of the fenne brookes into the rivers nigh there about, as in Wansworth river there are many of They stirre not all the sommer, but in winter when it is most coldest weather. There they are taken at Milles in Welles, and at wavers likewise. They are a pleasant meate, and some do thinke they would be as well in other rivers and running waters, as Huntingdon, Ware, and such like, if those waters were replenished with them, as they may with small charge."

This suggestion is still worth noticing by those who would improve the varieties of fish generally found in sluggish streams. The curious unbarbed "proche" hook for taking eels which L. M. figures, though disused, we believe, in England at present, is still employed in France in the shape of a needle sharpened at both ends. Indeed, this form of hook seems to be the oldest kind of fish-hook known to man. Stone garbage of fish and of beasts, and figges cut small, and nut curnels broosed and such like." This reminds the visitor to Stormontfield or the Howietown fish nurseries of and in the Swiss lake-dwellings similar

bronze gorges, known as "bricoles," have been discovered.

Folk-lore occasionally crops up in L. M.'s pages. Thus the fable of the dead kingfisher pointing out the direction of the wind is duly set forth. Of the osprey he says: "He hath one foote like a Ducke, and the other like a Hawke, and as he flies nie ouer the water, the fish will come vp vnto him." There is also a very singular receipt given wherewith to breed eels. Our extracts will show that this book contains much that is interesting to philologists. Prof. Skeat has contributed some valuable notes to Mr. Satchell's glossary, but a few more words might with advantage have been added. To "lave" ponds, for instance, is to empty them of water. A "grayled" worm is explained as "probably an error for wrayled (ringed?)." It is more likely the Old French grails, fine, thin. In a receipt to take fish "stavisacre" is left unexplained; but in Plin. 'Hist. Nat.,' xxiii., cap. 11, astaphis agria (translated "staphisacre" by Holland) is a kind of wild grape, "which loveth to grow in sunshine places."
"Mayers," again, interpreted by Mr.
Satchell as "probably a printer's error for 'wayers,' weirs," is more likely from the context to mean "marishes" or marshes. "Tillars" (omitted) mean persons who "draw" or "take out" fish. The noun survives in the tradesman's "till." "Juneba, otherwise called seven eyes," in L. M.'s baits for the trout, is certainly not "the river lamprey," as Mr. Satchell explains it. It must, from what follows, mean a kind of worm, which feeds probably on a plant so called. In the 'Treatyse of Fysshynge' of 1496 it appears as "inneba." No fisherman, ancient or modern, ever baited hooks for trout with lampreys. Enough has been said, however, to direct the attention of the literary angler to this quaint and suggestive book on angling.

A History of Canon Law, in conjunction with other Branches of Jurisprudence. By the Rev. J. Dodd, M.A. (Parker & Co.)

No doubt a good history of canon law would be acceptable. The subject con-cerns every man far more than he is aware of, intimately mixed up as canon law is not only with the ecclesiastical law, but the statute and common law of England. An enormous amount of learning and information exists in the numerous works of professional canonists and writers upon both secular and church courts, and a careful digest of all this in the shape of a history and history would, in such a matter, deal with very many questions and matters which at first sight might seem altogether unconnected with it-is a book greatly to be desired. But every writer cannot aim at in-cluding in detail all points in which canon law forms a chief branch of the science of universal jurisprudence, or at discussing how far it completes throughout Europe the rules and ordinances of the civil law, and we would be fairly content with a work which did not profess to go beyond the history of canon law as received or promulgated in England alone. It would be difficult to name any one possessing the qualifications for such a task. On the other hand, there is unfortunately no difficulty in asserting,

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on the evidence of his own writing, that he is not the Rev. Mr. Dodd.

Mr. Dodd calls his book "a history," and whatever else any one may think it right to call it, it most certainly is not a "history." There is nothing historical about it from the first page to the last. So far as anything approaching even the character of history is concerned, it will almost all be found in a couple of pages in the middle of the volume as a "Note." And even then Mr. Dodd gives "a brief account of the Canon Law," not from his own knowledge of it, but from Blackstone and Burn; adding another extract from Stephens's 'Statutes' on "the mode of citation of Canon Law," which Dr. Stephens himself had borrowed from an article in the 'Encyclopædia Metropolitana.' It is true that Mr. Dodd more than once tells his readers what he does not mean to do-a warning which would have been more useful if he had put it on his title-page; for example, in one place he says, "It is not our intention to discuss the details of the Canon Law"; again, "We hope to be able in another volume to discuss the amount of authority the foreign and national Canon Laws have in this realm " (a subject which seems to be of the very essence of a true history of canon law); again, "The object of this treatise is not to give a consecutive history of the events that led to the formation of Canon Law in the Church of Christ"; and once more, Mr. Dodd, having been brought at last "very naturally to the topic of the royal prerogative,"-a point of all others the most intimately mixed up with any history of canon law in England from the days of King Ethelbert and St. Augustine down to the time of Queen Victoria,—quietly dismisses the subject with the remark that "it would be out of place to discuss the entire question here."

It is but fair to Mr. Dodd to say that, judging from his own pages, he does not appear to have himself studied either the history of canon law or the subjects with which it is concerned. If he had it would be an impossibility that he could have ventured to publish the results of what he might please to call his labours under a title so misleading as that which he has chosen. Some three or four writers are referred to in his notes; but the names of scores of others whom any historian must of necessity have been well acquainted with are conspicuous by their absence. Even in the little which really refers to English canon law, Lyndwood's work seems to be the only mediæval authority which he has opened; we say opened, because to have read the 'Provincial' would be a very different thing, and should not hastily be asserted of Mr. Dodd. Nor (if we remember rightly) is there the slightest evidence that he has ever heard of the 'Summa' of Hostiensis, or the 'Manipulus Curatorum,' or the 'Pupilla Oculi.'

Now, if Mr. Dodd's book is not a history, what is it? It is an octavo of nearly three hundred pages, and what is it all about? Frankly, honestly, and with the most perfect sincerity, we confess that we do not know. From the very first page his readers have a constant struggle, and a very hard struggle, to guess what the purpose and object of the book can be; and except

the one fact which, at any rate, is absolutely certain, that the writer has said really nothing whatever about the history of canon law, they are as much in the dark when happily the last page is reached as they

were at the beginning. Mr. Dodd divides his book into ten chapters, and the first, which is "intro-ductory," may be put aside. The second chapter deals with "Greek Law in connexion with Canon Law"; but what the connexion is is left untold. There are more than twenty sections, which (it would be absurd to say treat of) are headed, for example, "Roman Law," "Greek Idea of Law," "The Areopagus," and "The World's Debt to Greece"; but as regards canon law the reader will end it as wise as when he began. The next chapter is "Jewish Law in connexion with Canon Law" - a question which should be fully inquired into in any history of the subject. All great canonists agree that the Christian ecclesiastical laws are based upon the Holy Scriptures as their chief foundation, and in the 'Corpus Juris Canonici' there are between five and six hundred canons which are extracted from the books of the Old Testament alone. Mr. Dodd does not trouble himself to give his readers some useful information about all this, nor does he attempt to show in any way the important conclusions which historically follow; but he fills up some seventy or eighty pages with a disqui-sition about—of all conceivable things the Talmud, as a collection of Jewish learning, "the study of which might help us a little towards gaining a more perfect insight into the development of ecclesiastical " No one would dispute that in a certain sense a portion of the Talmud consists of a body of laws, civil and religious, human and divine-in short, within the limits of the Mishnah, that it is the Corpus Juris of Judaism. But all of it which has not the Pentateuch for its source is of later date than the earliest decrees of the canon law. More than this, Christianity always proscribed the Talmud; it was a forbidden book, a work to be execrated, a liber damnabilis, from the time of Justinian, who con-demned it in a special Novella, down to Clement VIII., in 1599. Nevertheless, Mr. Dodd devotes a large part of this 'History of Canon Law' to the Talmud, with sections about "The Jewish Idea of Law," "The Pentateuch," "Hillel and other Teachers," "The Dignity of Women" (which, from Mr. Dodd's account, seems to have been nearly at zero among the Talmudists), "Pontius Pilate," and some twenty other unconnected subjects. This wonderful chapter is followed by a note of ten or a dozen pages on the opinions of Lord Redesdale and Lord Shaftesbury and a couple of bishops about atheism. The fifth chapter is headed "The Canon Law," and the sixth "Canons and Councils of the Church." Of the first of these no small part is taken up with a complaint-not commonly made by other people—that Gibbon has neglected the early history of the Church; and, in a word, all that the reader is told about canon law is contained in extracts (which have already been spoken of) from Blackstone, Burn, and the 'Encyclopædia.' The other chapter, so far as it can be understood, does not pretend to have anything

to do with history, but is merely an account of certain canons of some three or four councils about keeping Easter and about church property, &c. Two chapters follow on "The Jurisdiction of Bishops and Presbyters" and on "Church and State," neither of them containing a page which really serves to explain or illustrate a history of canon law, nor is it even intelligible why they should have been written at all. The ninth chapterison "The Royal Supremacy," which (it seems) Mr. Dodd distinguishes from the royal prerogative; but we must confess our-selves unable to make out what he does understand by it, except that he differs from Bishop Harvey Goodwin and agrees with Lord Justice James, and quotes as authorities the 'Catechism' of Edward VI., the 'Reformatio Legum,' and two declarations one of Queen Elizabeth, the other of Chief Justice Denman. The final chapter is a disquisition on the report of the late Royal Commission on Ecclesiastical Courts, which in no possible sense is a part of a history of canon law; and at last we reach the conclusion of the whole matter, a long appendix upon the "subject of strong drink."

Naturally the style of a writer is often an index to the amount of his knowledge of his subject and of his power to treat it. Two or three examples of Mr. Dodd's style may be taken from his introductory chapter, and they give very fair evidence of the sort of stuff the reader may expect to find in what follows. Mr. Dodd perhaps may remember what he meant to say; we cannot pretend to guess :-

"It is easy enough to find an opinion the very reverse of the foregoing, be it the estimate of Law in the abstract, or be it some particular branches of Law which affect our relationship to each other, should one trace the same backward to first principles, exhibiting them through the various stages they may have undergone, as one nation after another borrowed the germ in its earliest results, and developed it,—so building up their respective systems as experience, or national civilization, enlightened them."

"So likewise, as all is administered under the government of the same Omnipotent, Watchful, and Superintending power, the law of the action of that power is the same unerring will which formed each thing at first, giving the existence adapted to each, and which it will continue to the end."

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"The seal of that authority [the first Council of Jerusalem] was, 'It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us.' The fruits were visible in what followed. 'So when they were dismissedand when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the Epistle'—the result of their deliberations being 'which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.'"

History of Australia. By G. W. Rusden. 3 vols. (Chapman & Hall.)

So rapid is the march of Australia that even since these volumes were in print an event has occurred, only hinted at in them, which marks a new departure in the history of that island continent. The conference assembled to consider the question of a federation of its several colonies has drawn up a scheme to promote that object. The tie proposed is so slight that it should not provoke opposition arising from local jealousies, while at the same time it admits of, and renders inevitable, a closer connexion. Some persons doubt the wisdom of the step, for they see in it an increased facility for separation , '84

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y 800 ation from the mother country. It is obvious that while separate no one colony could adopt such a course. On the other hand, if in the distant future a necessity for separation should arise, England will have the satisfaction of knowing that this, her latest and most promising offspring, starts in fully developed strength on its bright career. Others see in colonial federation a means towards a closer imperial union, and it is equally clear that if such a development of Great Britain is to take place, it will be easier to arrange its terms with one large confederation than

with several small communities.

Whatever may be the result of this discussion, a great future is before Australia. An island continent inhabited by one homogeneous race, with little mixture of alien blood, possessing the institutions and laws of England as far as they can be applied, but unencumbered by the dust and cobwebs of antiquity—a land possessing every variety of soil and climate, so separated by distance from the rest of the world that a serious invasion of it is impossible, and that an entanglement in the politics of other nations is improbable—must have a brilliant future and a powerful effect on mankind. If, before the end of the first century of her existence, the ambitious programme of the conference is adopted, if New Guinea and the islands of the Pacific are annexed, we shall see the fulfilment of the lines written fifty years ago by her greatest "son of the soil," William Charles Wentworth:—

Proud Queen of Isles, thou sittest vast, alone, A host of vassals bending round thy throne. Like some fair swan that skims the silver tide, Her silken cygnets strewed on every side, So floatest thou, thy Polynesian brood Dispersed around thee on the ocean's flood, While every surge that doth thy bosom lave Proclaims thee Empress of the Southern wave.

Mr. Rusden deals with the past, not with the future. He had to overcome the difficulty of writing histories which should be distinct, but which are inextricably connected with each other. Tasmania, Victoria, and Queensland were originally portions of New South Wales; their early history had, therefore, to be narrated in that of the older settlement, and the more recent occurrences in each colony have most intimate connexion with those in its neighbours. The history of New South Wales is therefore tolerably complete and continuous; that of Victoria has to be read under several headings. We have to search through all three volumes, under "Exploration," "Aborigines," "Land Systems," "Conflicts between Legislatures,"
"Discovery of Gold," and several other
headings, to find it. The same remark applies to the accounts of the other colonies. A good index mitigates the evil, and any reader already conversant with the subject might probably discover what he seeks, while an uninformed reader will scarcely know where to begin or end his search. It is difficult to see how our author could have avoided this confusion. Still it must be admitted that it is a blemish in his

The history of New South Wales is, as we have said, continuous, and Mr. Rusden may be complimented on his industry in tracing it. He has had access to interesting and varied sources of information, and has compiled the most nearly complete history of the colony. The narrative of its early

days is fairly good, and it is free from the partisanship which disfigured his 'History of New Zealand.' But though the earlier portions of the present work are free from this fault, when the author comes to the history of his own time it is painfully ohvious

We share with him his admiration of the eloquence and talents of Mr. Wentworth, whose lines we have quoted above. From the commencement he was the cham-pion of the rights of the colony of which he was a native, and as in the end England granted all he demanded, and even more, it may be concluded that his claims were reasonable, although some may have been premature. His eloquence and masculine intellect have not been over-praised in these pages. But it is not easy to admit that his proposal to create a titled hereditary Upper House was sound, or that the substitute pro-posed—that there should be a hereditary body of titled electors who should nominate the future members of the Legislative Council — was happy. The desire of the statesmen of that day was, in a new country without an aristocracy, where even wealth had no weight, to provide an assembly representing property to check the de-mocratic tendencies inevitable in such a country. An Upper House, elected by a constituency with a comparatively high property qualification, was established in Victoria, South Australia, and Tasmania. In the latter two it worked in harmony with the Lower House. In Victoria it proved so strong that it came out superior in every conflict. In New South Wales and Queensland the nominee system was adopted. Mr. Rusden traces nearly all subsequent evils to the rejection of Mr. Wentworth's pro-posals, and is a strong supporter of the nominee system. He says that he never knew Wentworth personally. We had that privilege, and know from his own lips that in after years he admitted the superiority of the elective system, citing as a proof the strength displayed by it in Victoria.

When our author comes to that portion of the history of Victoria in which he was personally mixed up, he seems, we regret to say, to lose all power of forming impartial judgments, and to allow to his prejudices full play. His account of the discreditable conflicts between the two branches of the Legislature must be accepted with reserve. He was an official of the Upper House, and naturally all his or the Upper House, and naturally all his sympathies are enlisted in its favour. The details are, as he himself admits, wearisome to the general reader. At an earlier period, when a clerk of the Executive Council, he ought to have been an impartial observer. It is not probable that it victories multis conjunction will be effected. in Victoria public opinion will be affected by what he has written; it is a more réchauffé of what was urged by the opposition of the day. English readers will hesitate before they conclude that Mr. Childers, Sir Andrew Clarke, Sir William Stawell, and others who since then have made their mark, can have been so hopelessly wrong as he represents them frequently to have been. They and their colleagues, upon whom the responsibility was thrown of acting under circumstances of exceeding difficulty, possibly on the Victorian model. Laws relating to were better judges of the situation than our author. He casually mentions that at one

time the available force for the protection of Melbourne and the millions of specie in it was reduced to two constables, all the rest having gone off to "the diggings," and at the same time censures the executive for not having coerced the lawless thousands congregated on the goldfields. He omits to say that much of the extravagant expenditure of which he complains was caused by the creation of a fine body of police, and by the erection of gaols, in which in the course of a couple of years 1,600 great scoundrels were incarcerated—men who, nursed in the seminaries of vice in England, had graduated in crime in Norfolk Island and the probation gangs of Van Diemen's Land.

Mr. Childers is constantly sneered at in a manner which defeats itself. English readers will hesitate to conclude that he who is never ashamed to own that his apprenticeship to public life was served in Australia was guilty of financial incapacity leading to deficits. The fallacy of such allegations was fully exposed at the time by the "Finan-cial Committee" whom Mr. Rusden justly praises, and Mr. Rusden must have known these deficits only existed on paper. The observant reader will notice that the extravagant expenditure of which Mr. Rusden complains was inevitable at a time when "the price of a cab for the day was 7l.," when flour cost 100l. per ton, and wages were 1l. per diem. The reduction in this expenditure of which he boasts was much facilitated by a fall in prices nearly as rapid as the rise had been. Nor will the reader fail to notice that a governor whose conduct it is our author's mission to vindicate is described as distrusted by and distrusting his officers, some of whom he vainly at-tempted to have superseded by the Colonial Office; that he was received with a burst of popular enthusiasm, and is described as saying, within eighteen months, "I stand with my back to the wall and fight single-handed. I may fall, but if I go down, it shall be with my colours flying." The only possible inference from these premises is obvious. All this portion of the work must be read with caution in order to arrive at a just judgment.

We are sorry to be compelled to criticize severely some portions of these volumes. There is much in the spirit of them with which we sympathize, and it is to be regretted that personal feeling has so warped the author's mind. He has failed to do justice to the difficulties surrounding men untrained to office, who knowing little of, and caring less for, red tape, cast it aside and successfully combated a state of affairs unexampled in history. They were, as our author admits, uncorrupt and above all personal imputations; he neither gives sufficient credit to them nor to their successors, whose legislation has in many cases anticipated the measures since adopted in this country. Vote by ballot and the abolition of public nomination of candidates, the suppression of public executions, and Sunday closing of public-houses are some of the results. When it was determined to dis-establish the Irish Church, the framework for its reconstruction was very much based on the Victorian model. Laws relating to

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here. The wide extension of the elective franchise, deprecated by Mr. Rusden, will soon be the law in England. It is not without interest to read a history of the action of a free, untrammelled British democracy; probably its career gives a tolerably close forecast of what will follow here. So far, in Australia it has been successful.

The author's style in this work is, on the whole, agreeable; the chapters which are descriptive of the country and people are entertaining and will well repay perusal. If he could realize that there are always two sides to a question and show more calmness in discussing them, he would be a more trustworthy historian.

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Encyclopædia Britannica.—Vol. XVII. Mot-Orm. (Edinburgh, Black.)

In this new volume of the 'Encyclopædia Britannica' the scientific articles do not absorb so much space as in the last volume. Lord Rayleigh's excellent article on "Optics" is confined within very moderate limits, a considerable portion of the subject having been treated under "Light" by Prof. Tait, and Prof. Cayley has been equally concise in dealing with "Numbers"—in fact, the subject occupies only two or three pages more than Mr. Glaisher has required for his interesting biography of the inventor of logarithms. "Nitroglycerin," to which many people will turn with curiosity, has been succinctly treated by Sir F. Abel; but then Major Wardell had already written on "Explosives." "Myriapoda," by Prof. Moseley, is the chief zoological article, and the "Muscinee," by Prof. Goebel, the chief botanical article.

The general reader will be most interested by Prof. Seeley's able memoir of Napoleon I. It is strongly hostile, and its comparative brevity undoubtedly adds force to the indictment. The case against Napoleon I. is here stated in a most striking way; his selfishness, his unscrupulousness, his insane ambition, his utter want of truth, are brought most vividly before the reader. We have no wish to quarrel with the general justice of the verdict, though in questions of detail it may be impugned. Prof. Seeley has adopted the idea common in England that Napoleon invaded Spain out of mere wantonness, and tries, as English writers usually do, to deepen the reader's condemnation of the act by harping on Spain's previous submissiveness. the truth is Napoleon invaded Spain because he knew that Godoy was ready to turn on him if he met with any disaster. In 1806 the favourite actually issued a proclamation threatening in no obscure terms war with France, and Napoleon was determined that when he went to war again he should not have an enemy in his rear ready to set upon him if he met with a reverse. But the main fault of the article is in not recognizing that, evil as Napoleon's sway was in France, to some of the countries which came under his sway he was a great benefactor. In Italy, for instance, he introduced the Code, made roads, built bridges, suppressed the Inquisition, secularized the convents, and formed a good body of administrators, among whom he gave free advancement to Italians. These things made him popular, and it was to this

feature of his rule he referred when he told Metternich he had the people on his side. He was not indulging in an empty boast. He failed to see that his exactions, the pillaging which he sanctioned, and the Berlin decrees had provoked the hostility of all Central Europe; but the excellences of Napoleonic rule must not on that account be overlooked. Prof. Seeley's description of the uprising of the Spaniards as "sublime" is a little over-coloured, though it was the epithet commonly used in England at the time. The Spaniards rose against the invader not because they were braver than other nations, but because they were more ignorant. They imagined themselves more than a match for Napoleon and all his marshals, and when they found out their mistake they ran away. Prof. Seeley seems not always to be quite consistent. For instance, he says, "It does not seem that Bonaparte showed any remarkable firmness of character or originality of genius in meeting the revolt of the sections on the next day with grape-shot." Yet at the outset of his next paragraph he says, "In this affair he produced an impression of real military capacity among the leading men of France."

The articles relating to America form a special feature of this volume. New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New Orleans, Ohio, and Oregon are all excellently treated, the article on New Jersey being from the pen of General M'Clellan. Mr. Whitelaw Reid contributes an entertaining account of American newspapers. A delightful sketch of Norwegian literature is furnished by Mr. Gosse. Mr. Freeman's contributions, "Nobility," "Normandy," and "The Normans," are excellent reading. There is a good biography of Ormonde by Mr. Airy, an admirable account of Nero is supplied by Mr. Pelham, and Charles of Orleans has been entrusted to the competent hands of Mr. George Saintsbury. The chief article on the fine arts is "Mural Decoration," by Mr. Morris and Mr. Middleton, an elaborate and sound exposition of the subject. The right view of Murillo is taken

by Mr. W. Rossetti. On turning to the musical articles, we regret to find that scant justice is done to Mozart; but the essay on music itself, from the pen of Sir George Macfarren, is adequate, though highly compressed. The latter remark applies chiefly to the historical part, the theoretical portion consisting mainly of a calm exposition of the harmonic principles systematized by Day and adopted by the present writer. These views are advanced with becoming moderation of style, and Sir George Macfarren has also avoided any suspicion of narrowness in dealing with the Tonic Sol-fa system and the Wagnerian question. Mr. Bosanquet's article on the scientific basis of music exhibits an easy mastery of the subject, and his explanatory and historical essay on the organ contains almost everything that can be reasonably looked for. Under the heading "Oboe" appears an article of six columns by M. Victor Mahillon, dealing with the entire family of wood wind instruments.

We may conclude this notice by mentioning the very interesting article on "Mythology," by Mr. Andrew Lang, a sane and learned account of a great subject, which deserves to be reprinted separately.

NOVELS OF THE WEEK,

The World We Live In. By Oswald Crawfurd. 2 vols. (Chapman & Hall.)
Goddess Fortune. By Thomas Sinclair. 3 vols. (Trübner & Co.)
From Convent to Altar. By Mrs. E. Churchill.

2 vols. (Sonnenschein & Co.)

Mr. Oswald Crawfurd has written a capital novel. It is lively and sparkling through. out, and one can only regret that it is so short. The story is excellently contrived, and told not merely in an easy and racy style, but with admirable skill. The action all takes place in the course of a few days at a country house in the Highlands. The house party furnish the characters, and a very excellent party they make. They are drawn with a firm hand, and stand out distinctly and intelligibly. 'The World We Live In' will be popular with men as well as with women. It is the sort of novel that men like. Not much burdened with analysis, and free from disquisition and description. it is full of good spirits, and love, and bits of good criticism. It is a pleasure to find a writer who takes a cheerful view of life and is ready to believe well of human nature, and who yet writes like a man of the world, and, if it is not impertinent to say so, like an educated gentleman too. The book is excellent as far as it goes; but two very small volumes of large print have evidently not given full scope to Mr. Crawfurd's powers, and it is to be hoped that he will in time give novel-readers another oppor-tunity of being amused and pleased by his experience of the world and his pleasant way of conveying it.

Mr. Sinclair has high ideas of the function of the novel. He quotes Spielhagen and Fielding and Bunsen, and sums up his pre-

fatory remarks thus:-

"If prose fiction can be shown to be the deputy of the rhythmical metred epic of highest human attainment, its province must widen to national purpose, and its art will demand all but the very greatest ability."

It must have been a terrible thing to have so much upon one's mind when sitting down to write a novel. To begin with such aspirations was almost to court failure. "Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatu?" In truth Mr. Sinclair remains too much upon the heights. His reflections are very voluminous and uniformly expressed in gorgeous language. He puts too great a strain upon his readers. No incident is common for him. When two of the girls go to bed, "statue-like in their easy, simple dressing-gowns," what was it, he asks, "made this night one of the gentlest sorrow, changing slowly into sleep on the moistened pillows which bore softly these fairest of brown and golden heads?" The answer is rather vague, but it seems to be merely that they did go to sleep. "Sleep, the most divine of nurses, takes her weeping young children gently into her tender embrace and they are still!" It may be imagined that when the personages who play their parts in Mr. Sinclair's specimen of the "deputy of the rhythmical metred epic of highest human attainment" give free rein to their conversational powers their discourse is very splendid. The reader is struck by their mutual forbearance. One gentleman gives the story of his life in a monologue stretchraw.

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ing over more than sixteen pages in sentences of which only a sample can be given:

"Taller than the Trojan horse, the great screeching corn-rail of those pre-antediluvian [sic] times about which the learned men talk so much and know so little, can alone be the impossible Shakespeare, when they discover him in some Atlantis, fit to sing our gigantic accumulations of evoluted reasonings."

Lost in such sublime thoughts, the author seems to have forgotten that the first duty

of the artist is to please, and of the novelist to tell an intelligible story. 'From Convent to Altar' is a bright little story, told with a certain ladylike sprightliness, but not original either in plot or treatment. The author's inexperience is shown by the aimlessness of many of her chapters. which might have been omitted without affecting the story at all. It is told by the heroine in the first person, a device which gives an air of liveliness, but is really not at all easy to carry out well. As a rule, beginners ought to avoid it. No doubt it appears at first easier to explain a person's feelings if you let her speak for herself; but it requires a much more thorough grasp of character to unfold it, so to speak, from the inside than from the outside. It has often been said that every autobiography is interesting; but to write another person's autobiography is a very difficult task.

BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG.

Tip Cat. By the Author of 'Miss Toosey's Mission.' (Walter Smith.) Mrs. Willoughby's Octave. By Emma Marshall.

(Seeley & Co.)

Glenairlie; or, the Last of the Grames. By the Author of 'Jock Halliday.' (Edinburgh, Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier.)

Lettice. By M. L. Molesworth. (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.) The Baron's Head. By Frances Vyvian. (Same

publishers.)
The Last Wolf. By Mrs. Jerome Mercier. (Same

publishers.) Sea Blossom: a Cornish Story. By Mrs. J. A.

Owen. (Same publishers.)

The Cricket Club; or, Warned just in Time. By Phoebe Allen. (Same publishers.)

A Desolate Shore: a Story for Boys. By Mary E. Shipley. (Same publishers.)

Stolen from the Sea: a Story of Farm Life in Reithaus. By Austin Clare. (Same publishers.) Brittany. By Austin Clare. (Same publishers.)

It is a great pity that the writer of so charming a little story as 'Tip Cat' should have given it such a silly-sounding name. It is good all through, and every one of the characters is true to life. Nothing in its way could be better than the picture of two little girls, from the opening chapter, in which they are found regretting that they are not allowed to watch their grandfather's funeral from the nursery windows, to the end, where they have just recovered from scarlet fever. The author has a very engaging gift of delicate humour and pathos, and she has the good taste to tell her story almost without a page of irrelevant comment. If she can write some more stories of this kind she need fear no rival except

Miss Montgomery.

'Mrs. Willoughby's Octave' is a nice little story of family life. The octave consists of the eight children, whose names are chosen so that the initials follow the notes in order. The book seems to be intended for young people, though it may be read by their elders, if without excite-ment, at all events without annoyance. It is what used to be called a book of excellent tendencies; it gives a pleasing picture of home

happiness, illustrating the charm of the domestic virtues, and conveying in an inoffensive way the simple lesson that it is good to be good. The effect is occasionally weakened by a didactic passage which seems unnecessary. As a piece of fiction the merit of the book lies in the lifelike picture of the two families with which the story deals, and in the distinctness of the young people's characters. Suitable books for children who are just beginning to be no longer children are so difficult to find that Mrs. Marshall has done a real service by writing such a bright and

commendable story.

'Glenairlie' is a harmless little story, prettily got up and illustrated, the plot of which turns on the concealment of a will. Martha Leslie is a bustling, housewifely body, proud of herself and her kith and kin, and not the less because her uncle from small beginnings has grown to be the purchaser and possessor of the castle of the impoverished and nearly extinct race of the Græmes. Martin Leslie's ruling passion, however, is loyalty to the ancient house who were his own chiefs and his ancestors', and thence the will which proves such a stumbling-block to poor Martha's honesty. The story, such as it is, is not badly told. The rather second-rate fine lady from England who comes on the scene as the assertor of Esme's rights is well contrasted with the homely minister of St. Cuthbert's and his people, and Martha and her faithful maid are very truthfully drawn; but it must be confessed the substance of the book is of the thinnest.

In 'Lettice' we grieve to discern a great falling off from "Carrots" and his successors. We have often expressed our regret at the sad, almost morbid tone of Mrs. Molesworth's stories; but notwithstanding this defect there was always a charm about her children. This charm the grown-up Lettice and her associates most certainly lack. The whims and freaks of child-hood carried on into youth and troubling the fortunes of a whole family only vex the reader of 'Lettice,' and the love-making is of the dullest.

Tales of the olden time require much skill to ake them interesting. 'The Baron's Head' make them interesting. 'The Baron's Head' is a rambling story of German burgher life in the time of the Napoleonic terror; while Mrs. Jerome Mercier's 'The Last Wolf,' a story of England in the fourteenth century, is an attractive rendering of a local legend.

Sea Blossom' deals with our own times, and is founded on fact. There is a pretty descrip-tion of the old Cornish festival of "Furry Day."

The Cricket Club,' which announces itself a story for mothers' meetings, is for the benefit of scolds. Jenny Downs, who would-certainly have worn the "branks" in the North Country,

is warned by a dream and reforms.

'A Desolate Shore' is a story of Lincolnshire
and their ways. We hear a little 'A Desolate Snore is fisher boys and their ways. We hear a number of the motto "A passage perilous

maketh a port pleasant."

In Austin Clare's 'Stolen from the Sea' we have a charming description of Breton life and Breton faith and superstition.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Mr. Justin McCarthy being at present busy with a long prelude, in the shape of 'A History of the Four Georges,' to his 'History of Our Own Times,' his clever son had some excuse for supplementing this work by a review of the chief political events that have occurred since it was political events that have occurred since it was published. The reader will, however, be disappointed with England under Gladstone, 1880–1884, by Justin Huntley McCarthy (Chatto & Windus). Mr. J. H. McCarthy is evidently something more than a diligent reader of the daily newspapers, and he inherits a talent for epitomizing the news of the day and interspersing with it lively comments of his own; but his capacity in these respects rather lessens than increases the value of his present compilation. A veteran politician, whether or not we agreed with his

versions or perversions of contemporary facts, could hardly fail, if he wrote as skilfully as Mr. J. H. McCarthy does, to produce an instructive review of the political history of England between March 8, 1880, and April 30, 1884; and an unpretentious and uncritical chronicle of actual occurrences would be useful for reference. Mr. McCarthy, however, is rather too inexperienced to be a trustworthy critic, and he scorns to be a mere chronicler, albeit some of his records read a good deal like inedited clippings from the hastily compiled columns of the morning and evening papers. A book like this is of little use unless it is accurate. Unfortunately Mr. McCarthy is often wrong in his judgments, through either lack of knowledge or party bias and a desire to be epigrammatic; and he is sometimes wrong in his statements of facts. times wrong in his statements of facts.

In a dainty little oblong and sesthetic-looking volume, entitled Lord Beaconsfield on the Convolume, entitled Lora Deaconspicia on the Con-stitution (Field & Tuer), Mr. Francis Hitch-man has reprinted the scarce pamphlet 'What is He?' by the author of 'Vivian Grey,' which appeared in 1833, and the much longer 'Vindication of the English Constitution,' by "Disraeli cation of the English Constitution,' by "Disraeli the Younger," which followed it in 1835. The object of this reissue, and in part of the elaborate anecdotical preface that precedes it, is to show that from the very beginning of his political career Lord Beaconsfield was a profound philosopher, in intelligent possession of opinions from which he never swerved. Mr. Hitchman hardly makes out his case, but this reprint is interesting, and there are some fresh items in the preliminary and there are some fresh items in the preliminary account of Disraeli's youth and early manhood.

A COMPLETE edition, in four small octave volumes, of the late Dr. J. G. Palfrey's Compendious History of New England (Boston, U.S., Osgood & Co.; London, Trübner & Co.) is a welcome addition to the literature of New England. Dr. Palfrey's larger work, of which this one is the compendium, will always receive the careful attention of historical students. But it is not one which pleases the public. The foot-notes are often so long as to interfere with the perusal of the text itself. In this edition the text alone is given, and some additions have been made. We do not consider the work a perfect one, but it is unquestionably the best of its kind. Dr. Palfrey gave praiseworthy attention to authorities, and he did his utmost to ascertain and set forth the facts. If he failed to be impartial, as he certainly did in the case of Roger Williams, he professed his desire to state what he believed to be the truth. This new edition ought to help to per-petuate his great services to New England as her most conscientious and painstaking historian.

MR. EDWARD PIERREPONT'S Fifth Avenue to Alaska (G. P. Putnam's Sons) is one of the many books which would have been better if the author had taken more pains. Mr. Pierrepont is an Oxford graduate as well as an American citizen. He traversed a part of the North American continent which, happily, is but little known to tourists. His observations in Alaska are here recorded, and this record is the best part of the volume. We are sorry to find that a writer like Mr. Pierrepont, who has had so England and the English, writes with as much prejudice and prepossession as any one of his country man who has represented the Advantagement of the country man who has represented the Advantagement of the country man who has represented the Advantagement of the Country man who has represented the Advantagement of the Country man who has represented the Advantagement of the Country man who has represented the Advantagement of the Country man who has represented the Country man who has represent prejudice and prepossession as any one of his countrymen who has never crossed the Atlantic, or as any imported citizen who has exchanged Ireland for the United States. The acquisition of Alaska is stated to have been regarded by the late Mr. Seward "as quite the crowning act of his official life." Mr. Pierrepont may not know that the majority of Mr. Seward's colleagues were opposed to the acquisition of Alaska, and vet of for it simply to gratify him. The United voted for it simply to gratify him. The United States people have had no reason to consider the purchase a valuable addition to their country; indeed, had Alaska continued Russian its condition now would not be a whit worse than it is, whilst the United States would have been

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all the richer. Mr. Pierrepont excites our curiosity about Alaska without gratifying it. He says that the aurora borealis is seen there to full advantage, and then quotes what Mr. Bancroft and Mr. Whymper have said about it, his own remark being that as a display it far exceeds the fireworks at the Crystal Palace. The impression given by his narrative is that Alaska is inhabited by many wild Indians and not less wild miners, and that the restraints of law are but imperfectly imposed. His experiences on the beaten track are seldom new, though freshness and cleverness characterize his account of his being lost for a time in the Yellowstone Park. Considering his opportunities, Mr. Pierrepont has produced a disappointing book. That he is an enthusiastic and skilful angler is the chief

conclusion to be drawn from its pages. we have on our table Memoir of Charles Love, by M. P. Lowe (Boston, U.S., Cupples),—Victoria, Queen of England, by G. Greenwood (Low),—Student's Manual of the Reign of George III., by Oxon (Sonnenschein),—The Rise and Fall of the English Commonwealth, by J. A. Picton (Alexander & Shepheard),—The Course of Empire, by C. G. Wheeler (Boston, U.S., Osgood),—A Complete Concordance to the Comedies and Fragments of Aristophanes, by H. Dunbar (Frowde),—A Day in Athens with Socrates (New York, Scribner),—Notes on School Management, by G. Collins (Moffatt & Socrates (New York, Scribner), — Notes on School Management, by G. Collins (Moffatt & Paige), — Bookkeeping by Double Entry, by J. Collier (Relfe),—Stenography, by J. D. Lowes (Scott), — The Oxford and Cambridge French Grammar, Part III., by M. Hunt and M. Wuillemin (Hachette), — Manual of Jewish History and Literature, by Dr. D. Cassel (Machille, and M. Willemin (Hachette), — Manual of Jewish History and Literature, by Dr. D. Cassel (Machille, Laboratory), M. Weigheld, L. M. Charles, J. M. Manual of millan),—A Vocabulary to the Charitābali, by J. F. Blumhardt (Trübner),—Farm Buildings, by J. Scott (Lockwood),—Profitable Fruit-Farming, by C. Whitehead (Longmans),—Profitsharing between Capital and Labour, by S. Taylor (Kegan Paul),—A Letter to the Peers of the Realm, by Rev. C. Voysey (Ridgway),—Sir Lyon Playfair taken to Pieces and Disposed of: likewise Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., by W. White (E. W. Allen),—Where did Life Begin? by G. H. Scribner (New York, Scribner),—Tropical Trials, by Major Leigh Hunt and A. Kenny (Allen & Co.),—A Voyage round Great -A Vocabulary to the Charitabali, by —Tropical Trials, by Major Leigh Hunt and A. Kenny (Allen & Co.).—A Voyage round Great Britain, by Capt. T. Hargreaves (Low).—Aeross the Hills, by F. M. Owen (Kegan Paul).—The Stranger's Story, by C. Grindrod (Kegan Paul).—Bhineland, by C. Corner (J. Burns).—Imelda, by J. B. S. (Tinsley).—Ben-Hur, by L. Wallace (Warne).—The Jevel in the Lotos, by Miss Mary Tincker (Allen & Co.).—Bride Picotée (Bemrose).—The New Dance of Death, 3 vols., by E. A. Hake (Remington).—A Castle in Spain, by J. De Mille (Chatto & Windus).—Covard or Hero, by Mrs. S. Barker (Routledge).—Latimer's Candle, by F. E. Cooke (Sonnenschein).—The Poems of Goethe, by W. Gibson (Simpkin & Marshall).—The Poetry of other Lands, edited by N. C. Hunt (Philadelphia, Porter & edited by N. C. Hunt (Philadelphia, Porter & Coates), -Two Gallian Laments and some Verses, Coates), — Two Gallian Laments and some Verses, by Edward St. John-Brenon (Reeves & Turner), — A Broken Silence, by S. K. Cowan (Marcus Ward), — Later - Life Jottings, by R. Bealey (Manchester, Tubbs), — Our Home beyond the Tide, by E. Miles (Glasgow, Bryce), — From Year to Year, by the Rev. E. H. Bickersteth (Low), — Old Familiar Hymns (New York, Randolph), — Peace and Rest (New York, Randolph), — The Gospel History for the Young, 2 vols., by W. F. Skene, LL. D. (Edinburgh, Douglas), — The Revelation of the Father, by B. F. Westcott, D. D. (Macmillan), — The Duality (fall Divine Truth in our Lord Jesus Christ, by G. Morris (Kegan Paul), — and The Pulpit Commen-Morris (Kegan Paul),—and The Pulpit Commentary, edited by the Rev. Canon Spence: The First Epistle to the Corinthians, edited by the Ven. Archdeacon Farrar, D.D. (Kegan Paul).

LIST OF NEW BOOKS.

ENGLISH.

Theology.

Allnatt's (F. J. B.) The Witness of St. Matthew, cr. 8vo. 5/
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WHO WAS THYRZA?

SEVERAL attempts have been made to identify Byron's Thyrza. Moore said that there was no such person in reality. Mr. Jeaffreson, in his recent work, thinks that Margaret Parker was at least an "inspiring force" of the poems. The chief coincidences are that Margaret Parker, like the Thyrza of the poems, died whilst Byron was separated from her, and had given him a locket, as Thyrza gives him a pledge. Mr. Jeaffreson admits that some phrases do not quite apply; but he thinks that his opinion is confirmed by a statement of Byron's to Trelawny in 1823. Byron then said that his gloom on leaving England was genuine; that he was "really in love with a cousin, and she was in a decline." No cousin except Margaret Parker, says Mr. Jeaffreson, died of a decline after having inspired him with love.

Now the love affair with Margaret Parker (if it can be called by that name) was in 1800, when Byron was twelve years old. She died, and he wrote what he truly calls a "very dull epitaph" upon her, dated 1802, and published in the 'Hours of Idleness.' Byron's statement to Trelawny was therefore false if it asserts, as it seems to do, that his gloom in 1809 was caused by love for a cousin who was then in a decline. If it was not simply a mystification it is easiest to suppose that the object of his love was another person, and that the error was in the word "cousin." Otherwise we must suppose him to Otherwise we must suppose him to state that he was gloomy after leaving college on account of a love affair which happened before he went to Harrow. With all the allow-

ance to be made, as Mr. Jeaffreson very truly says, for Byron's exceptional temperament, this is surely incredible. The childish love for Mar. garet Parker had been succeeded by the passion for Miss Chaworth in 1803-4; by his "violent though pure love and passion" for some uncerobject in 1806; and by an indefinite number of other passions to which only one of those epithets could be applied. Is it credible that in 1809 Byron was seriously gloomy for the sake of Margaret Parker, and that in 1811-12 her memory could inspire a series of his most pathetic poems?

The difficulty is the greater because, as Moore truly says, though his inference may be doubtful Byron had plenty of grave causes for melancholy at this time. He was embarrassed, isolated, and as he says, had lost in four months (May to September, 1811) six of his friends and relatives. Four of these were his mother, C. S. Matthews, Wingfield, and the chorister Eddleston. In October he writes to Dallas of the death of "one very dear to him in happier times," and Dallas apparently understands the allusion, and wishes that "that being had lived, and had lived yours." Who was she, and who were the other two of the six lately lost? An answer might suggest some new representative of Thyrza.

Meanwhile, one set of coincidences seems to deserve notice. On February 16th, 1812, Byron tells Hodgson that Cambridge would bring sad recollections. "I believe the only human being that ever loved me in truth and entirely was of, or belonging to, Cambridge, and in that no change can now take place. There is one consolation in death—where he sets his seal, the impression can neither be melted nor broken, but endureth for ever." The "being" to whom he refers is clearly Eddleston, the chorister. In the best of the poems to Thyrza (written in the same month, February, 1812) we have the same thought and phrase :-

The love where death has set his seal Nor age can chill, nor rival steal, Nor falsehood disavow.

Eddleston, again, died of a decline in May, 1811, whilst Byron was at Malta on his return. Eddleston had given him a cornelian, which he reclaimed (October 28th, 1811) from Miss Pigot. A poem following those to Thyra (dated March 16th, 1812) is upon a cornelian heart (apparently this) which he wears as he wears Thyrza's gift. In a letter to Miss Pigot, written during Eddleston's life, Byron speaks of his friendship for Eddleston, which is to eclipse all classical precedents, and says, "His voice first attracted my attention; his countenance fixed it, and his manners attached him to me for ever." He tells Hodgson (December 18th, 1811) that the Cambridge organ is "a sad remembrancer." And one of the poems to Thyrza, enclosed in the same letter and written two days before, is suggested by a song of former days, whose "softest notes" now repeat

A dirge, an anthem o'er the dead,

and recall "brighter days" to him. In this, as in the other circumstances, Eddleston would correspond to the conditions of the problem; and it does not appear that Margaret Parker was remembered for her singing, though, as Mr. Jeaffreson points out, another phrase in the same lines might apply to her.

The inference should be, I think, that, as Moore holds there was thirt to be in the same lines with the contract of the problem.

Moore holds, there was, strictly speaking, no historical Thyrza; that the poems addressed to her express many blended sorrows; and that amongst them the sorrow for young Eddleston was probably the most poignant. So far as this emotion was in his mind, Byron would feel that he would provoke ridicule (which no one dreaded more in such cases) by uttering in public such s sentiment about his humble friend as he expressed in his letters to Hodgson. He therefore adopted the language of a bereaved lover, and addressed his verses to a feminine name, though (apart from a few phrases, introduced, it may be,

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to give colour to the fiction) the poetry would be equally appropriate in either case. Precedents of the poetry of friendship resembling the poetry of love will occur to every one.

THE FOLK-MOOT AT WESTMINSTER.

I AM not prepared to dispute my friend Mr. Gomme's suggestion that folk-moots were held at Westminster, but I venture to submit that at Westminster, but I venture to submit that the quotation from Stow's 'Survey' does not prove any connexion between the folk-moot and the Parliament. The meeting of Parliament described by Stow was exceptional, and the place of meeting was chosen because Westminster Hall was then being rebuilt by Richard II. Surely the open sides of the temporary building were only intended to allow the public their undoubted right of attendance at the sittings to "see and hear what was both said and done." They had no more voice in the matters before Parliament than we have now when we obtain members orders for the gallery of the "House." If any one of the "all men" had attempted to join in the discussion he would probably have been treated as a visitor to the modern House of Commons would be now if he were to disturb the proceedings. Perhaps his fate would have been worse, and the king's archers, who, Stow goes on to say, "compassed the house about with their bows bent and arrows knocked in their hands, always ready to shoot," would have punished him in a more summary manner.

I must also protest against the suggestion that in this Parliament of Richard II. we have the origin of the practice of members wearing their hats. This is really the survival of a once hats. This is really the survival of a once general custom. As your readers will doubtless remember, Pepys was much elated when he sat on a committee for the first time with his hat on; and in the statutes of the Royal Society the right of addressing the meeting with his hat on was reserved to the President, the other members being expected to uncover on rising to speak.

HENRY B. WHEATLEY.

WITH reference to Mr. Gomme's suggestion that the custom of wearing hats in the House of Commons is a survival from the days of open-air Parliaments, is it not rather a reminiscence of the long period during which men almost inariably kept their hats on even in church and at the dinner table? Pepys records that he went "home to bed; having got a strange cold in my head, by flinging off my hat at dinner."

W. H. HELM.

SHAKSPEARE NOTES. "MEASURE FOR MEASURE."

It is impossible that the aversion which Dr. Brinsley Nicholson avows to unnecessary alterations of the text which comes to us more or less directly from Shakspeare can be greater than my own; but we differ in principle as to the occasions when change is or is not necessary. For example, I am ready to admit what he holds to be the serious charge of "ignoring the rule that a text which gives sense ought not to be improved by a critic." To my mind good service is rendered to the poet when a text which gives sense, but a wrong sense, is restored by a critic to a good as when he a harrow occasions when change is or is not necessary. a right sense—service as good as when by a happy change he rescues for sound sense a text which quartos and folios agree in delivering—a too frequent case—as absolute nonsense. It is in the quent case—as absolute nonsense. It is in the nature of things, and especially of things Shakspearean, that service of this kind should be frequently required. From the conditions of the earliest copies the critic has cast upon him unusually heavy responsibilities of a corrector of the press following exceedingly careless and uncontrolled typographers. What author has not had sentences returned to him from the press most provokingly, because most ludicrously,

altered into a false sense? If error is to escape notice finally, who would not prefer that it should be a change into nonsense? With these contingencies it is in vain to seek safety in uncompromising conservatism. The critic does well to guard himself against innovating rashly; but, on the other hand, he may safely mistrust and revise his judgment when he finds that in the zeal of scrupulosity he is straining the meaning of words and putting the Muses on the rack to extort at last a meaning—well, I will say a meaning that only ranks in plausibility with what Dr. Brinsley Nicholson wrings out of altered into a false sense? If error is to escape

Think you I can a resolution fetch From flowery tenderness?

The commentator here puzzles me more than the text when he recognizes "flowery tenderness" in the appeal of Isabella, who expresses to her brother point blank her serious mistrust lest her brother point blank her serious mistrust lest he should be so weakly sensitive as to shrink from the momentary and trivial inconvenience, the mere physical pain of a violent death. In this, as admittedly in another case, it is opinion against opinion, and others must decide. My own opinion remains that Claudio's reply demands a consistent interpretation throughout as repudiating the imputed feebleness of spirit—

such "flowery tenderness."

Considering what the sins of players, playwrights, and managers have been against Shakspeare since they were left to themselves in clipping and altering the giant's robe to suit Dryden downwards, it is surprising to find one of them, and that one Davenant, brought in as an authority unless for conceit, carelessness, and corruption.

and corruption.

Adverting to my change of making to magic in a text long given over as hopeless, Dr. Nicholson writes: "It is euphemiously [dictionary makers, please copy] said to be 'a change of three letters,' it being omitted that one unchanged letter, g, jumps backward over two others and takes the place of k." Waiting the new dictionary, I do not understand what charge "euphemiously" implies as involved in omitting to notice—what, indeed, helps my case—that of three letters concerned in the change, one is merely misplaced, the commonest of all typographical accidents. graphical accidents.

I further read: "As to the sense, there is

I further read: "As to the sense, there is really no magic in spiders' strings drawing ponderous and substantial things." That depends. Shakspeare's words are "most ponderous," and he is speaking in metaphor, not treating of bluebottles, however colossal, entangled in a web. The lightness, the frailty of a deputy like Angelo, draws or expressions with a first the adjaint of the strength of the s drags on consequences which affect the administration of criminal justice-weightiest matter of

It escaped me that Staunton long ago had anticipated my emendation "Pattern in himself to show"; and unfortunately I cannot plead as an excuse for my negligence that disregard of a good emendation by one editor is to be fairly taken as proof that it had not been made by a predecessor. I ascribe this not to disingenuousness, but to a reactionary spirit of spurious conservatism, by which the long-suffering text of Shakspeare endures more injury at present than from licentious tampering, which is sufficiently under check. W. WATKISS LLOYD.

EDUCATION AT THE INTERNATIONAL HEALTH EXHIBITION.

THE Executive Council of the Health Exhibition in devoting a portion of the space at their disposal to the subject of education intended the group to comprise all that relates to primary, group to comprise all that relates to primary, technical, and art education, and to include in it designs and models for school buildings, apparatus and appliances for teaching, diagrams, text-books, &c. Special attention was to be given to technical and art education, to the results of industrial teaching, and to the introduction of manual and handieraft work into

schools, and also to specimens illustrating the results of art and technical teaching.

The specialist anxious to find out how far the promise of this varied and extensive programme has been fulfilled must be in tolerably robust health and eminently patient; for he will have to visit every quarter of the building, he will have to ascend and descend many steps in the new building of the City and Guilds of London Institute, and in order to complete the survey must climb (for the lift is not always at work) to the topmost heights of the Albert Hall. Belgian education is represented in the Queen's Gate Annexe; the Science and Art Department occupy the Central Gallery; the National Society and certain school boards have rooms, as also have the French, in the new building of the City and Guilds of London Institute; the educational publishers are hoisted to the gallery of the Albert Hall, while the library occupies a cational publishers are hoisted to the gallery of the Albert Hall, while the library occupies a room in the lower part of that building. Never-theless, while he will come to the conclusion that the immense cases of bulbs and biscuit tins in the southern gallery might have been relegated to any height, and convenient space thereby found for the educational exhibits, he will pro-bably also conclude that much that is valuable relating to the subject is to be found within the relating to the subject is to be found within the four corners of the building. The Belgian education section was the first to be completed. It deserves a lengthened visit. The whole system of primary education, from the law which ordains its existence down to the results obtained, is set its existence down to the results obtained, is set forth with clearness and method meriting the very highest praise. As the visitor proceeds through the court he finds how carefully the school buildings are planned and furnished; what remarkable results have attended the system of Pestalozzi and Froebel in the infant schools; he can see the methods adopted in teaching the various subjects prescribed in the primary schools, and may examine the work of the children themmay examine the work of the children them-selves. The curriculum which is rigidly pre-scribed for these primary schools by the Minister of Public Instruction is not over ambitious, but proof is everywhere furnished of the thoroughproof is everywhere furnished of the thoroughness with which the work is done. We note that all the teachers of each commune hold, under the presidency of a Government inspector, quarterly pedagogical meetings, which must be of real value to them. Great attention is paid to teaching gymnastics, geometrical forms, arithmetic, and elementary science. The collections of objects used in teaching the rudipents of the science of agriculture and of various ments of the science of agriculture and of various industries of Belgium are particularly noteworthy. So also is the collection of pictures supplied to every normal school illustrative of the art of all countries in all ages.

It is much to be regretted that a similarly complete exposition of the system of public elementary education in England has not been arranged here. It is true that the School Boards for London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, and Glasgow have furnished some rooms in the building of have furnished some rooms in the building of the Guilds Institute with samples of their schools used, the exercises worked, and specimens of the girls' needlework are also shown; but something more than this was needed, and might easily have been given. Why was the Education Department not asked to arrange an exhibition, in conjunction with the school boards and the various denominational schools, setting forth, as the Belgians have done, and as the French are now engaged in doing, the whole system which prevails in England? We ought to have had on charts the existing law, then the system which prevails in England? We ought to have had on charts the existing law, then the rules contained in the Code, then plans and models of school buildings, and, stage by stage, exemplifications of the subjects taught, the method of teaching them, the work of the children, and the results produced by them. As it is, not until a foreigner entered the excellent library which has just been opened, and cellent library which has just been opened, and saw the shelf full of reports of the Committee of Council on Education since 1839, would be learn

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from this exhibition that there is an Education Department for England at all. We know not with whom the fault rests, but the omission is astonishing and regrettable. When one thinks of the millions spent since 1870, and of the amount of energy displayed over the whole country, it is wrong that it should have been left to a few school boards to exhibit, however interesting they may be, disjointed collections of their school furniture, books, and apparatus. One really admirable representation of what can be done in England is shown in the Central Gallery, which is devoted to the work of the schools in connexion with the Science and Art Department. Everything in the gallery, which good design, includes art pottery, art glass of stoves, finely wrought metal-work, handsome furniture, &c., has been designed by students or former students of schools of art in connexion with the central department. We understand that the collection is due to Sir Philip Cunliffe-Owen. It is simply excellent, and affords abundant proof of the advance made by our own handicraftsmen in art workmanship. No one visiting this fine collection will grudge the moderate annual parliamentary vote for science and art. In the building of the Guilds Institute the French are just completing the arrangement of their educational exhibition. This consists of objects, books, apparatus, statistics, &c., relating to primary and secondary schools, of objects produced in their technical and art schools, and also the special and most interesting collection arranged by the Société des Frères des Écoles Chrétiennes. Lack of space forbids our dwelling on them in detail. Suffice it to say that the whole collection is superb.

In spite of the reservations we have felt compelled to make, we are able to congratulate the executive on a remarkable and valuable collection, and we derive several gratifying conclusions We note that the enterprise of the from it. publishers has produced a large and varied supply of excellent school books and scientific apparatus; that the instruction of infants and ry young children is receiving close attention and is conducted for the most part in rational ways; that education was never so scientifically treated; that method is being studied to a noteworthy degree; and that a genuine advance in technical education has been and

achieved in England.

One other conclusion is forced upon us, viz., that if we had a Minister for Education, under whose control the whole of our educational machinery was brought, we should have had a complete and ordered exhibition that would compete and ordered exhibition that would have done justice to our system of public elementary education, which has already achieved so much, and that every year we should make greater strides in all that pertains to education itself.

STEELE'S 'LADIES' LIBRARY.'

12, Hornton Street, Kensington, June 20, 1884. "THE Ladies' Library, written by a Lady, published by Mr Steele," appeared in 1714. In the preface, dated July 21st, 1714, Steele says that "the papers which compose the following volumes came into my hands upon frequent mention in the Spectator of a Lady's Library. They are supposed to be collected out of the several writings of our greatest divines They were referred to me as what were at first intended by the compiler for a guide to her own conduct.....As to the work itself, I find it will not be possible to arraign any sentiments in it without falling upon some eminent divine from whom this lady has borrowed her thoughts.I am only her gentleman usher." followed by an introduction dealing with the charges made against women in poems and plays, which, though written ostensibly by the lady compiler, is certainly by Steele.

The 'Ladies' Library' was very popular; a

fourth edition appeared in 1732, a sixth in 1751, and seventh and eighth editions in 1772.

THE ATHENÆUM

But in the year of publication, on November 11th, a pamphlet appeared, 'Mr. Steele Detected: or, the Poor and Oppressed Orphan's Letters to the Great and Arbitrary Mr. Steele; complaining of the Great Injustice done, to the Publick in General, and to Himself in Particular, by the Ladies' Library; Publish'd by Mr. Steele, &c. There are two letters to Steele from Royston Meredith, and the answers. pamphlet was "to prove the great imposition put on the publick in general, and the notorious injustice done to a poor orphan in particular, by the aforesaid book." In the first letter, dated October 21st, Meredith angrily accuses Steele of unjustly printing what was the property of another; "you have (as it were) plow'd the lands of two poor orphans who have very little else to subsist on." Steele answered, on the same day, that he would "enquire into what you write about." But on the 25th Meredith wrote again, threatening to go to law as regards the infringement of his rights in Jeremy Taylor's Steele replied on the following day, works. and said, "You mentioned also an orphan, which word was a defence against any warm reply; but since you are pleased to go on in an intemperate way of talk, I shall give myself trouble to enquire about what you complain, but rest satisfied in doing all the good offices I can to the reverend author's grandchild, now in town.

Royston Meredith (presumably a descendant of Royston, the publisher of Jeremy Taylor's books) then complains that it is very arbitrary "to do an injury to one person, and make the restitution to another"; and continues, "I conceive the lady mentioned in the title-page, and the clergyman in the preface, to be nothing more than a blind excuse for his notorious plagiarism." The writer then points out some passages in the 'Holy Living' which appear in the 'Ladies' Library,' and adds that Steele was indebted also to Fleetwood, Locke, and

After some study of the religious writings of the latter part of the seventeenth century, it appears that Meredith is right in saying that the 'Ladies' Library' is almost wholly a compila-tion. But then that is exactly what Steele says himself in the preface, although it would appear that Steele—if not himself the compiler and the lady a myth-at any rate revised the work before publication, for various paragraphs and sentences are interpolated which are clearly Steele's.

The following are the sources of the several parts of the 'Library,' so far as I have discovered them. The references are to the first edition of the 'Ladies' Library ':-

Taylor's 'Holy Living. s 'Holy Living.' Vol. i. pp. 32-48, 156-77, 32-39, 258-67, 314-25; vol. iii. 53-113, 271-91, 212-15, 232-39, 307-11, 313-30.

307-11, 313-30.
Fleetwood's 'Relative Duties of Parents and Children, &c. (See Spectator, No. 384.) Vol. i. 81-145; vol. ii. 9-38, 58-85, 134-55, 394-411.
'The Whole Duty of Man.' Vol. i. 63-6, 67-70, 268-314, 525-34; vol. ii. 1-9, 85-7; vol. iii. 291-2.
'The Government of the Tongue,' Vol. i. 358-405, 415-20

"The Ladies' Calling.' (See Spectator, No. 37.) Vol.i. 179-212, 240-58; vol. ii. 38-57, 87-106, 184-205, 347-75, 377-85; vol. iii. 22-53, 292-303, 332-42. Vol. ii. 270-346.

Locke's 'Treatise on Education.' Vol. ii. 270-346. Lucas's 'Practical Christianity.' (See Guardian, o. 63.) Vol. iii. 305-6, 311-12, 350-3. No. 63.)

NO. 95.) Vol. iii. 305-6, 311-12, 350-3. Lucas's 'Enquiry after Happiness.' Vol. i. 7-16; vol. iii. 12-22, 371-412. Scott's 'Christian Life.' (See Spectator, No. 447.) Vol. i. 326-50; vol. iii. 129-38. Tillotson's 'Sermons' (Nos. 42, 50-2). Vol. i. 426-37; vol. ii. 319-69, 491-35.

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M. Astell's Serious Proposal to the Ladies (first

M. Astell's 'Serious Proposal to the Ladies' (first edition, 1694). Vol. i. 438-47.

Halifax's (George Savile) 'Advice to a Daughter' (See Spectator, No. 170.) Vol. i. 59-63, 421-5, 534-46; vol. ii. 111-33, 256-61.

Fénelon's 'Education of a Daughter' (Hickes's translation, third edition, 1713). Vol. i. 16-31, 55-8; vol. ii. 106-10, 177-84, 385-93.

The above references explain the origin of three-fourths of the 'Ladies' Library, and further search into contemporary writers would doubtless complete the list; the only two passages of any considerable length the authorship of which I have not traced being vol. i. 447 ("Ignorance"), and vol. ("Scruples").

The authors named above are generally followed literally; but sometimes the paragraphs are rearranged and connecting words are added. Alterations are most frequent in the passages taken from J. Taylor, and some of these are characteristic of the difference of thought and of the altered circumstances of the time; e.g., vol. i. 213, Taylor says, "Raise not thy mind up to enquire into mysteries of state," &c.; i. 265, where Steele adds the "china-ware, parrots, canary-birds, lap-dogs"; i. 323, Steele speaks of over-

righteous strains of charity and Popish superstition; whereas Taylor praises St. Martin, St. Paulinus, St. Katherine, and, above all, Christ; iii. 319-20, Steele qualifies Taylor's words as to the use of confession.

Some of the passages which appear to be Steele's are given below :-

"Strange are the notions of honour by which some "Strange are the notions of honour by which some men are misled;.....they cannot live if they are themselves affronted, and murder is so far from being a sin with them, that it never gives their con-sciences the least disquiet. Were they as jealous of God's honour as they pretend to be of their own, they would soon see the folly and madness of their wild pressit of speaks of their wild pressit of their

wild pushes see the folly and madness of their wild pushes of regive, as they expect to be forgiven."—Vol. i. p. 15.

"The ladies are apt to think that the softness of their sex excuses their idleness, and a woman who can do nothing, imagines therefore that she has nothing to do."—P. 16.

"It is not so strange as some may imagine it, that improvement in English should be recommended, Our native language will not come to us by in-spiration, and we shall write and speak with rude-

we are bred with."—Pp. 24-5.

"Avoid alike such triffers, and the laughers that are indebted for their mirth to the fumes of wine; false is that mirth, and the wit that makes it. Sobriety restores them to their native dulness, and

Sobriety restores them to their native dumess, and they seem not to have any souls, any longer than they are sodden."—P. 36.
"To take a parent's care in the education of their children is of late reckoned very uncourtly; as if quality was above nature, and title could discharge the ladies from the obligations of the divine laws..... How unmannerly would a tedious discourse be on

their duties, as wives, daughters, mothers?"—P. 40.
"It is now a part of good breeding to ramble three or four days in a week from house to house, not in or four days in a week from house to house, not in doing good, but in doing nothing, and to sit at home the rest of it, expecting as great triflers as themselves. Dress, meals, visit, park, opera, and play, take up all the hours that are not given by them to sleep; in which, if the morning is not spent, dress consumes it all: the noon is not long enough for dinner, the afternoon is loitered away in the park, and the rest of the day at the theatres: what part of it can they spens for the church and the closet?" it can they spare for the church and the closet?

Pp. 41-2.

"Slander is quite opposite to politeness: if gentlemen and ladies reflected upon the offence all reasonable people take at it, they would not act so vile a part: Base flatterers may applied their wit, and animate them in scandalizing others; but the suffrage of such wetches does not hinder their being descent. of such wretches does not hinder their being despised by persons of honour."—P. 421.
"'Twill not be improper to say a word or two to

the fair sex of that condition, which the Mode seems to have exalted beyond the limits of Divine or Human laws, as they have relation to matrimony.

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—Vol. ii. pp. 110-11.

"The contempt of religion is grown to such a height, that hardly the appearance of morality and decency remains: Ladies of quality looking upon it as a part of their very liberal breeding, to show that their behaviour, in all things, depends entirely on their humour, and that they are incapable of all restraints."—Vol. iii. pp. 49-50.

"It is matter of great lamentation, to see the

"It is matter of great lamentation, to see the abuses that are committed in the exercise of Christian duties; and none is more abused than this of religious fasting. It is reduced almost entirely to mere form and fashion, and the mode of each only changed from flesh to fish."—Pp. 310-11.

Many further passages might be quoted as showing Steele's supervision of the work; but references to some others must suffice -

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A writer, "S. S. L.," in Notes and Queries (1st series, vol. xii. p. 12) says: "As I read it, Steele declares that the work was compiled by Taylor's granddaughter," i. e., probably Mary, who married as her second husband Sir Cecil Wray, a zealous Whig. But Steele's letter to Meredith does not seem to me to bear this out; it only implies that he knew her, "now in town"; and there are many reasons for believing that Steele himself took an important part in the that Steele himself took an important part in the GEORGE A. AITKEN.

Literary Gossip.

PROF. MAX MÜLLER is busily engaged upon a volume of biographical essays.

The Fortnightly Review for August will contain an article by Mr. G. A. Sala on Punch, tracing the manner in which the social and political history of the forty-three years that have elapsed since the first appearance of the London Charivari has been recorded, illustrated, and commented on in its pages.

A rosy from Mr. R. L. Stevenson's 'Child's Garden,' which we mentioned last week, appears in the current number of the Magazine of Art. The volume will not appear before the autumn season at the earliest.

Miss F. P. Cobbe, Mrs. Fawcett, and other English ladies are contributors to Mr. Stanton's work 'The Woman Question in Europe,' which will shortly be published in this country by Messrs. Sampson Low & Co.

BARON MIKLOUHO-MACLAY, the Russian naturalist, expects to complete by the end of 1885 his work on the explorations he has made in the islands of the Pacific. It will then, in all probability, be published simultaneously in Russian and English. This important work may be preceded by a biography of M. Miklouho-Maclay.

AT a meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society at Lancaster on Saturday last, Mr. J. E. Bailey announced that the Duke of Devonshire had undertaken, at his own cost, to publish the cartularies of Furness Abbey. This announcement, Mr. Bailey said, would be hailed with pleasure by all antiquaries.

It is understood that Prince Krapotkine, who is to be liberated from his French prison in the course of the present month, and who has accepted a number of com-missions from English editors and pub-lishers, has resolved to take up his residence in this country.

THE MS. of Mr. Swainson's long promised 'Folk-lore and Provincial Names of Birds' will be shortly sent to the Folk-lore Society. The author, having, we are glad to hear, recovered from a long illness, has only just completed his labours.

MR. WALTER SCOTT, of Paternoster Square, is preparing an edition of British and American poets, to be issued in monthly volumes, under the editorship of Mr. Joseph Skipsey, a North-country writer of local verse.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mr. David Jones, the publisher of the Saturday Review since its foundation. Mr. Jones died the other day at Abergele, where he had gone for change of air. He had been connected with the press for over half a century, having in early life been a clerk in the office of the Morning Chronicle. He suc-ceeded Wells as publisher of that journal. Mr. Douglas Cook was then one of its editors, and when he and others of the staff left the Chronicle to start the Saturday Review, Mr. Jones went with them, and became the publisher of the new journal, which owed much of its rapid success to his efforts. Mr. Jones served under three editorships, and continued to fulfil his duties till within a week or two of his death. He was popular with all with whom he had business relations, and had a high character for honourable dealing and kindness of heart. He was in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

To the July part of the Miscellanea Genealogica Mr. Stephen Tucker, Somerset Herald, has communicated an account of the assignment of arms to the father of Shakspeare. This account is illustrated by five facsimiles of documents from the Heralds' College records.

The popular Norwegian poet Andreas Munch died at his house at Vedbæk, in Denmark, on the 27th ult. He was born at Christiania on the 29th of October, 1811. His plays, especially 'Salomon de Caus,' 1854, and 'Lord William Russell,' 1857, enjoyed a great success on the stage of the three Scandinavian countries. He was the author of a very large number of volumes of lyrical, elegiacal, and romantic verse; and he translated Walter Scott and Tennyson into his native tongue.

CAPT. R. C. TEMPLE has nearly passed through the press a dictionary of Hindustani proverbs, by the late Dr. S. W. Fallon. It is expected that the work will be completed in five parts, and will be published at Benares. Messrs. Trübner, are the London publishers. Capt. Temple further proposes to issue a translation of the meaning the control of the co proposes to issue a translation of the memoirs and diaries written during the times of Ranjít Singh of Láhor and his successors by the late Lálá Sohan Lál, Súrí Khatrí, Vakíl at the Court of the Mahárájás of the Panjáb from 1812 A.D. to the British occupation, translated from the original Persian MSS, in the possession of his descendants. Lálá Sohan Lál, Súrí Khatrí, took advantage of his exceptional opportunities to compile a voluminous manuscript of some 7,000 pages relating the events of the very stirring times in which he lived.

Dr. J. Schipper, the learned Professor of English Philology at the University of Vienna, has just issued a work on 'William Dunbar: sein Leben und seine Gedichte in Analysen und ausgewählten Uebersetzungen, nebst einem Abriss der Altschott. Poesie.

THE annual meeting of German philologists is to take place at Dessau from the 1st to the 4th of October.

A TRANSLATION of Dr. Fr. Grosehopps's Anglo-Saxon dictionary, adapted from Grein's "Library of Anglo-Saxon Poetry," is being prepared by two American pro-fessors, Prof. Baskervill, of Vanderbilt University, and Prof. Harrison, of Washington and Lee University. An English edition will shortly be published by Messrs. Trübner

THE death is announced of the well-known novelist and dramatist M. Mary Lafon. A year ago he published an autobiography, under the title of 'Cinquante Ans de Vie Littéraire.'

On the 28th of last month a considerable number of Russian men of letters assembled in the Volkovsky graveyard to honour the memory of Tourguénief upon occasion of the consecration of the tombstone which has just been placed over his remains. It consists of a slab of black granite, which rests upon a base of grey granite. It bears the brief inscription, "Ivan Serguëevich Tourguénief, 1818-1883."

In the Deutsche Rundschau the fourth instalment of Prof. Jolly's travels in India contains a description of Calcutta, but instead of the ordinary anecdotes about English and native society, we have the intelligent remarks of a real Sanskrit scholar who has eyes to see and ears to hear many things which hardly exist for the ordinary tourist. It is humiliating that we should as yet have no English description of India written from the scholar's point of view, such as we have for Italy and Greece. Prof. Jolly is one of the many professors of Sanskrit in Germany. He has paid special attention to the ancient legal literature of India (his translation of the important 'Law Book of Vishnu' forms part of the "Sacred Books of the East"), and was invited to deliver a course of lectures on the history of Indian law at Calcutta. Though the delivery of these lectures occupied much of Prof. Jolly's time, he devoted his leisure to seeing what, during his short stay, he could of native life, and he gives in his sketches what might

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be called a palimpsest of modern India, where between and behind the modern lines the old uncial letters of the ancient Hindu civilization are constantly appearing. We hope that his lectures on the history of the Indian law of inheritance and adoption will soon be published. Not only in India, but everywhere, the history of law ought to be an essential feature in legal education, but nowhere has that important element but nowhere has that important element been hitherto so entirely ignored as in the study of Indian law. Works like the 'Mitrodaya' are wildly quoted in the same breath as 'Manu,' and the 'Manu-Sanhitâ' continues to be treated as a primeeval authority by writers on ancient law, though no critical Sanskrit scholar would now venture to assign its text to a pre-Christian period. Prof. Jolly is evidently amused at what he calls the usual method of English justice, namely, when once an error has been committed in the interpretation of the native law on inheritance, to raise that error into a precedent, and to ascribe to that precedent greater authority than to the letter of the law. He adds, however, that in recent times Anglo-Indian courts have made undeniable progress.

SCIENCE

RECENT GEOLOGICAL BOOKS.

The Bone-Caves of Ojcow, in Poland. By Prof. Dr. F. Römer. Translated by John Edward Lee, F.G.S. (Longmans & Co.)
The Student's Handbook of Physical Geology. By A. J. Jukes-Browne, B.A. (Bell & Sons.)
Rock History: a Concise Note-Book of Geology. By C. L. Barnes, M.A. (Stanford.)

Catalogue of the Fossil Sponges in the Geological Department of the British Museum (Natural History). By George Jennings Hinde, Ph.D. (By Order of the Trustees)

A SHORT time ago Prof. Ferdinand Römer, of Breslau, published the results of his exploration of certain limestone caves, rich in organic remains, near Ojcow, in Poland. The interesting nature of this publication has led Mr. J. E. Lee, of Torquay, to translate the work for the benefit of English readers. The bones brought to light from these caverns belong partly to extinct and partly to recent species, by far the greater number being referred to the cave-bear. Associated with the bones were certain objects of human workmanship in flint, bone, and ivory. While these may be regarded as of palæolithic age, there are other objects in bronze which show that some of the caves were certainly inhabited at a much later period. It is notable that some human skulls have been exhumed, but these do not offer any peculiarities suggestive of very high antiquity. The description is accompanied by antiquity. The description is accompanied by some good lithographs, executed at Cassel, and by a photograph of the skull of a cave-bear. Altogether Mr. Lee's translation is excellently

There are so many good text-books of geology in English that it is bold of Mr. Jukes-Browne to hazard the publication of another. His aim has evidently been to furnish a trustworthy manual. less ambitious than such works as those of Profs. Geikie and Green, yet far above the ordinary range of elementary handbooks. As an officer of the Geological Survey, Mr. Jukes-Browne writes with authority on many branches of his subject ; and where his own knowledge is weak he has wisely sought aid of his old friends at Cam-The result of his compilation is a very useful book, dealing with geology from its physical side, but requiring to be supplemented by a volume on the stratigraphical and paleontological departments of the science. The writer hints that such a supplementary volume may some day

issue from his own pen. The work just published gives the reader a clear sketch of the present position of dynamical, structural, and physio-graphical geology. It is illustrated by a large number of woodcuts—many of which are original, while others are taken from the old works of Mantell and Richardson—and it is issued at a very moderate price.

Mr. Barnes, of Llandovery, who has just written a little book on geology, can hardly be congratulated on the choice of his title. 'Rock History' is surely a clumsy and needless substi-tute for "geology." The nature of the better indicated by the subordinate title; it is in truth a geological note-book, compiled from the ordinary manuals, but characterized by present-ing a great amount of condensed information in tabular form. The text itself betrays the 'prentice hand; but it is illustrated by several very neat coloured maps, each showing the distribution of a particular group of rocks, and by several folding plates of fossils. The maps are evidently based on Ramsay's geological map, which forms the frontispiece to his 'Physical Geology,' while the fossils appear to be copied

from Lowry's well-known chart.

Although the British Museum possesses a valuable collection of fossil sponges, including a large number of type-specimens, this collection had not been critically studied and scientifically arranged until Dr. Hinde, some three years ago, took the work in hand. Probably Prof. Zittel, of Munich, may be regarded as the highest living authority on this group of fossils, and it was in the laboratory of this distinguished paleontologist that Dr. Hinde acquired his training. As a result of recent progress in our knowledge of the sponges, the old methods of classification by means of external form and habit of growth have been displaced to a large extent by more searching methods founded on microscopic structure. In preparing the present catalogue the latest system of nomenclature and classification has been followed. Dr. Hinde may, indeed, be congratulated on the very thorough way in which he has carried out the task entrusted to him. He has prepared not a bald catalogue of the specimens, but an elaborate monograph, containing original descriptions of many species hitherto unknown. This monograph is amply illustrated by excellent lithographic plates; and if the delineation of minute structure seems here and there defective, we believe that this is due solely to imperfection in the state of preservation of the fossils, and to the artist's desire to portray only such features as the specimens actually

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES.

A faint nebulous object was observed with the great refractor at the Vienna Observatory on the 26th of May, which was afterwards found to be missing. As the place was very near the track in which M. Schulhof had calculated that Comet III., 1858 (discovered by Mr. H. P. Tuttle on the 2nd of May in that year), would be moving at the time, it has been conjectured that the object was, in fact, not a nebula, but that comet. It will be remembered that M. Schulhof recently determined that that comet was moving in an elliptic orbit with a period of only about six and a half years, and might become visible again this summer after three unobserved returns to perihelion in 1864, 1871, and 1877. Prof. Krüger has circulated some approximate places of the comet from M. Schulhol's elements. Its position at the present time, according to his ephemeris, is about R.A. 17^h 33^m, N.P.D. 69° 15′. The comet's brightness, however, would have been diminishing for some time past, and, if visible at all now, it must be excessively faint. It need hardly be remarked that the present time, with strong moonlight in addition to partial twilight all night, is unfavourable for seeing very faint objects. MM. Paul and Prosper Henry have perceived

several times since the beginning of the year,

with the 14-inch equatorial at the Paris Obserwith the 14-inch equatorial at the Paris Observatory, two grey bands on the planet Uranus straight, parallel to each other, and situated nearly symmetrically on either side of the planet's centre. Between these bands was seen a tolerably bright zone, which probably corresponds to the equatorial region of the planet. "Nous avons trouvé," they write, "à la suite d'un grand nombre de mesures, que la direction des bandes d'Uranus ne coïncidait pas avec la projection du grand axe de l'orbite apparente des satellites, mais formait avec lui un angle de 40°." Assuming, as seems by far the most 40°." Assuming, as seems by far the most probable, that the planet's equator is parallel to the bands, and taking account of the position of the earth relatively to the plane of the satellite orbits, they conclude that an angle of about 41° is comprised between this and the plane of the equator of Uranus. It will, of course, be recollected that whilst the inclination of the plane of the orbit of Uranus to that of the ecliptic is very small (being, indeed, only about 46, and less than in the case of any other planet), the satel-lites move in orbits the planes of which are very nearly perpendicular to that of the ecliptic.

We have received the number of the Memorie della Società degli Spettroscopisti Italiani for April. It contains a paper by Prof. Ricco on the heliographical latitudes of the groups of solar spots observed during the year 1883; and a 'Première Etude sur les Observations du Dismitudes de l'all' faite de l'all' de l'all' de l'all' faite de l'all' f Diamètre du Soleil faites à l'Observatoire de Neuchâtel de 1862 à 1883,' by Dr. J. Hilfiker, in which it is contended that there is evidence of changes in the apparent diameter of the sun, dependent on the period of the solar spots, the largest diameters coinciding with the minimum of frequency and abundance of spots, and via

The last published number of the Astronomische Nachrichten contains some observations, made in the month of January by M. Cruls at Rio de Janeiro, of Comet II., 1883, which passed its perihelion on the 25th of December, and was announced as having been discovered by Mr. Ross at Elsternwick, near Melbourne, on the 7th of January, though it was afterwards stated that a comet, which was probably the same, had been seen in Tasmania about a fortnight earlier.

TRINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE IN ZOOLOGY.

An interesting meeting was held on Tuesday last in the Lecture Room at the British Museum (Natural History), for the purpose of conferring as to the advisability of adopting the method of trinomial nomenclature now coming into use among American zoologists. The present occasion was selected in consequence of the visit to England of Dr. Elliott Coues, the most energetic advocate of this system in the United States.

Prof. Flower (the Director of the Museum),

having taken the chair, opened the discussion by some introductory remarks on the great importance of accuracy in nomenclature, and by reading a letter from the President of the Royal Society, who regretted that official engagements

prevented him from being present.

Mr. R. Bowdler Sharpe read a paper, in which, after pointing out that in 1874 he had recognized the existence of "sub-species," he directed attention to a number of cases on which he desired Dr. Coues's opinion. The first of these was a series of sub-species of goshawk, differing slightly in character and coming from (1) South Africa, (2) Senegambia, (3) Turkey and Asia Minor, (4) India and Ceylon, and (5) Burmah. Other cases cited were those of Corone, in which the species differ only in size, and of representhe species differ only in size, and of representative forms found on different islands. These cases inclined Mr. Sharpe to view the proposal with favour; but he saw difficulties in our present ignorance, and dangers in the possibility of the multiplication of nominal species. At any rate, our present system of nomenclature does certainly require modification.

Mr. Seebohm followed with a paper, in which he stated his belief that the present system of 5, 184

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binomial nomenclature had retarded our recognition of the fact of the existence of sub-species. Selecting the forms of nuthatches, he illustrated the method by which he would convert Dr. Coues's empirical into a more logical system.

Dr. Coues, who was very heartily received, said he recognized that nomenclature was a neces sary evil; we must endeavour, however, to make it clearly reflect not only the characters of our forms, but also our idea as to those characters, and our judgments upon them. Since the establishment of the binomial system by Linnæus there had been an absolute revolution in our ideas of what species were, and the question was, Did that system now accurately reflect them We now recognize that there are no such things as species, and that forms are so intimately related that, did we know all, there would be an unbroken series. In some cases—as in that of an American woodpecker—all the links were before us. Going from south to north we found it increasing by size in minute fractions; from east to west its spots became extinguished; from lower to higher latitudes larger forms became apparent; and differences due to moisture and temperature are no less clear. These forms must either be united, when we do, in effect, get must either be united, when we do, in effect, get a genus, or they must be distinguished, when we are compelled to use a system of trinomial nomenclature, which really only differs from methods already employed in the omission of the sign "var." Just as in the discrimination of species, tact is required in establishing subspecies.

Dr. Günther thought the proposal was a reaction against the method too common among ornithologists of making species on characters of very little value. He had himself employed the system as long ago as 1866, whenever he recognized numerous intermediate steps between different forms. He thought the method promised to be of value, and suggested some improvements.

Mr. Sclater remarked that Schlegel had long ago applied the method to wagtails, and that he himself had adopted the same plan. Although he feared an avalanche of new names, he was of opinion that where faunce had been fully worked out trinomial nomenclature would have to be adopted.

Mr. Blanford thought the system an unfortunate one, as introducing a third variable, and therefore postponing still further a fixed nomenclature. It would not be applicable to mollusca, as, when proposed at a conference of paleonto-logists, it had been almost universally rejected, as it would not distinguish between varieties in space and varieties in time. The most important point is fixity of nomenclature, and we are at present so far from that desired end that there should be no innovations just now.

Prof. Jeffrey Bell agreed with Mr. Blanford that the system would not be universally applicable; it would be of no use for littoral forms with freeswimming embryos, where a number of

varieties are found living together. Lord Walsingham asked how the system could be applied to a number of individual variations living on the same spot, but supported Dr. Coues's statement as to differences in different latitudes, and accepted the principle, if it really would facilitate the recognition of forms. Dr. Sharp thought the proposal unnecessary, and one Sharp thought the proposal unnecessary, and one that would lead to a nomenclature of individuals. Dr. Woodward suggested that it might save the establishment of new genera, which would be of great assistance to the student. Mr. Howard Saunders urged the objection of its unwieldy nature. Dr. Traquair, speaking of fossil fishes, said he united under one name all forms that said he united under one name all forms that could be proved to pass into one another; the system would result in a name being given to every specimen, and would be unworkable. Mr. Harting saw a danger in the assistance which it would give to those who already refined too much. The prime point in nomenclature is simplicity.

Dr. Coues, in answer to the objections that had been raised, said that trinomial nomenclature as proposed by him did not apply to a number of the cases cited. It did not apply to individual variations at one spot, or to hybrids, or to cases where differences were slight or to or to cases where differences were slight, or to any cases in which differences were not bridged over, or where they did not depend on climatic

Prof. Flower, in summing up the discussion, which was carried on with admirable brevity the whole conference lasting for little more than an hour and a half—said he foresaw that the progress of palæontological discovery would lead us to require some fresh system of nomenclature; but as to what it would be we are still altogether ignorant.

MR. HENRY WATTS.

WE regret to announce the decease of the industrious editor of the 'Dictionary of Chemistry.' Henry Watts was born in London on the 20th of January, 1815, and was consequently in his seventieth year at the time of his death, in his seventieth year at the time of his death, which took place suddenly on Monday, June 30th. He graduated as Bachelor of Arts in the University of London in 1841. From 1846 to 1857 he was Demonstrator of Chemistry at University College, London, first under the late Prof. Fownes and afterwards under Prof. Williamson.

In 1848 he commenced his translation for the Cavendish Society of Gmelin's 'Handbuch der Chemie,' which he completed in eighteen volumes in 1872. In 1858 he commenced his well-known 'Dictionary of Chemistry and the Allied Branches of other Sciences,' in which he was assisted by some of the most eminent chemists of the day. This work, on which his reputation mainly rests, occupied five volumes, the last of which appeared in 1868. In 1872 the first supplement appeared; in 1875 the second; and in 1879 and 1881 the third, in two volumes. Cavendish Society of Gmelin's 'Handbuch der in 1879 and 1881 the third, in two volumes.

Mr. Watts also brought out three editions of
Fownes's 'Manual of Chemistry,' and was engaged on a fourth at the time of his decease.

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He held for many years the appointments of Librarian to the Chemical Society and editor of the Journal, having been appointed to the latter post in 1850 and to the former in 1861. He was elected a Fellow of the Chemical Society in 1847, and a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1866.

SOCIETIES.

Society of Antiquaries.—June 26.—Dr. E. Freshfield, V.P., in the chair.—The following gentlemen were admitted Fellows: The Bishop of Llandaff, Rev. O. J. Reichel, Messrs. W. J. Fitzpatrick, B. Nattali, and T. G. Jackson.—Mr. W. H. Richardson exhibited some fragments of heraldic tiles which had been found under the floor of Fenny Compton Church, Warwickshire, and a drawing of a tile bearing the same inscription from Wormleighton Church. The arms on the tiles appeared to be those of Butler and Beauchamp respectively.—Mr. R. S. Ferguson communicated some notes on the tomb of Margaret, Countess Dowager of Cumberland, which had recently been moved from its original position in the church of St. Lawrence, Appleby, to a spot more convenient for the performance of divine service. He also reported on recent discoveries in Cumberland, and exhibited some of the early Rolls of the City Court of Carlisle. In connexion with this paper Mr. L. Gower exhibited an interesting portrait of his ancestress the Countess of Cumberland,—The Rev. W. F. Creeny exhibited a third in stalment of rubbings of foreign brasses, thirty-four in number, which he had executed with his own hand during a summer trip last year, in which he traversed over five thousand miles.

STATISTICAL.—June 24.—Anniversary Meeting.—Dr. R. Giffen, President, in the chair.—The report was a very satisfactory one, showing a considerable increase in the number of Fellows since last year.—The following are the Officers and Council for the ensuing year:—President, Sir R. W. Rawson; Council, G. S. Baden-Powell, A. H. Bailey, Dr. T. G. Balfour, A. E. Bateman, S. Bourne, J. O. Chadwick, H. Chubb, Hyde Clarke, Major P. G. Craigie, Prof. H. S. Foxwell, R. Hamilton, F. Hendriks, N. A. Humphreys, J. S. Jeans, R. Lawson, Prof.

L. Levi, G. B. Longstaffe, A. Marshall, J. B. Martin, R. B. Martin, Dr. F. J. Mouat, F. G. P. Neison, E. C. Nepean, R. H. I. Palgrave, H. D. Pochin, E. G. Ravenstein, Sir W. R. Robinson, S. Smith, R. D. Urlin, and R. P. Williams; *Treasurer*, R. B. Martin; *Secretaries*, J. B. Martin, A. E. Bateman, and G. S. Baden-Powell; *Foreign Secretary*, J. R. Martin,

J. B. Martin.

Society of Arts.—June 25.—Annual Meeting.—
Sir F. Abel, Chairman of Council, in the chair.—The
Secretary read the report of the Council.—The following gentlemen were elected Officers and Council
for the ensuing year:—President, H.R. H. the Prince
of Wales; Vice-Presidents, H.R. H. the Duke of
Edinburgh, Sir G. Birdwood, A. Cassels, B. F. Cobb,
E. Chadwick, Lord A. Churchill, Sir P. CunliffeOwen, Capt. D. Galton, Earl Granville, Marquis
of Hamilton, Sir J. Hawkshaw, Sir J. Lubbock,
G. Matthey, Sir J. Paget, W. H. Preece, Sir R. Raw,
linson, Lord Reay, B. W. Richardson, Lord Sudeley,
Sir R. Temple, and the Duke of Westminster;
Ordinary Members of Council, Sir F. Abel, E. Birkbeck, A. Carpmael, R. Brudenell Carter, T. Russell
Crampton, Prof. J. Dewar, Col. J. F. D. Donnelly,
T. V. Lister, J. M. Maclean, W. G. Pedder, R. E.
Webster, and Col. C. E. Webber; Treasurers, W. H.
Malcolm and O. Roberts; Scoretary, H. T. Wood.

PHYSICAL.—June 28.—Dr. Guthrie, President, in the chair.—Mr. W. H. Hensley was elected a Member.—A paper was read by Lord Rayleigh 'On the Practical Use of the Silver Voltameter,' and the same author made a communication on a 'Colour-Mixing Apparatus founded on Refraction.'—The following papers were also read: 'On a Phenomenon of Electro-magnetic Induction,' by Mr. C. V. Boys,—'On the Alteration of Electrical Resistance in Metal Wires produced by Colling and Uncoiling,' by Mr. J. Hopps,—and 'On the Absolute Determination of the Electrostatic Capacity of a Condenser,' by Mr. Glazebrook.—Prof. H. Macleod described a new sunshine recorder.

ARISTOTELIAN.—June 23.—Mr. S. H. Hodgson, President, in the chair.—The following gentlemen were re-elected as Officers for the next session:—President, Mr. S. H. Hodgson; Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. R. Dunstan, Mr. E. H. Rhodes, and the Rev. E. P. Scrymgour; Honorary Secretary, Dr. A. Senier.

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Hellenc.—June 26.—Annual Meeting.—The Bishop of Durham, the President of the Society, for the first time took the chair.—The Honorary Secretary read the following report on behalf of the Council:—"As pointed out in the report of last year, the resources of the Society do not as yet admit of much being done towards the fulfilment of its objects other than the publication of the Journal. The fourth volume of the Journal—containing an unusually full and varied collection of papers—is the chief fruit of the Society's labours in the year now ended. With the second part of the volume were issued three coloured plates, the exceptional cost of which seemed to the Council to be justified by the beauty of their workmanship and the interest of the paintings there reproduced. The publication in the volume of 1883 of more of the valuable series of papers in which Mr. W. M. Ramsay has from time to time recorded his researches in Asia Minor suggests a reference to the remarkable success of his work, with which the Society has from the first been at least indirectly associated. The report issued by the committee of the Asia Minor Exploration Fund some months ago was a most satisfactory proof of the results which the explorer has been able to achieve with comparatively small resources. So encouraging was this report, and so strong was the testimony borne to the value of Mr. Ramsay's work by some of the leading scholars and archaeologists of Europe, that the greater part of the further sum of 500. required for the continuation of the work was raised within a few weeks of its publication. Towards this sum the Council of this Society voted a contribution of 50l. Mr. Ramsay has now started again into Phrygia, and has been joined by another member of the Society, Mr. A. H. Smith. Towards the expenses of Mr. Smith the sum of 100l. has been voted from the Worts Fund by the University of Cambridge. In last year's report reference was

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sibility, of the Society, has been delayed longer than was anticipated. But the work is now far advanced, and it is hoped that the copies may be ready for issue to the subscribers in the course of the autum. The financial position of the Society is decidedly satisfactory. The income of the year amounts, with last year's balance of 9934. 0s. 11d., to 1,840. 2s. 6d.; while the expenditure, which covers the total cost of two numbers of the Journal and a considerable part of the cost of a third, amounts to 9394. 0s. 6d., leaving a balance in the bankers' hands of 9014. 2s. But this expenditure includes 1054. of life subscriptions invested in Consols during the year, thus raising the total sum invested to 4934. 10s. Against the balance of 9014. 2s. should be set lisilities—including the cost of printing vol. iv. part ii. Against the balance of 2016. 28. Blotha we see his bilities—including the cost of printing vol. iv. part ii. of the Journal—amounting to about 235l. On the other hand, the arrears of unpaid subscriptions amount to about 150l. The increase of members is decidedly greater than last year, seventy-four against forty-nine. This is no doubt partly due to the issue decidedly greater than last year, seventy-four against forty-nine. This is no doubt partly due to the issue of a circular describing the position and objects of the Society, and inviting the candidature of all persons interested in Hellenic studies. Copies of this circular may still be obtained from the honorary secretary. It should be remembered that every year, by death or resignation, a certain loss occurs which must be made good. In the past year such loss amounts to twenty-three. Besides the 568 individual members, there are now forty-nine libraries subscribing to the Journal, of which seventeen have been added to the list since the last annual meeting. But, satisfactory as its progress has been so far, much yet remains to be done if the Society is to fulfil all the objects it has in view. The Council therefore, in conclusion, express the hope that members will lose no opportunity of making the Society known, and securing for it continually increasing support among all who have at heart the promotion of Hellenic studies in this country."—
The report was adopted on the motion of the Dean of Llandaff, seconded by Prof. Lewis Campbell.—
The President read out the list of Officers and Council for the ensuing year, and it was duly confirmed. The President read out the list of Officers and Council for the ensuing year, and it was duly confirmed. The only change in the constitution of the Council was the appointment of Prof. I. Campbell, Mr. C. Waldstein, and Mr. James Gow, in place of Mr. Chenery, deceased, and Prof. Mahaffy and Mr. Peile, who retire.—The President then delivered an address congratulating the Society heartily upon its labours in the past, especially the Journat of Hellenio Studies and the part taken by the Society in helping forward Mr. Ramsay's researches in Asia Minor. These researches the Bishop of Durham attached the highest importance, especially for the light they have thrown upon the history of the early Christian Church in Asia Minor. He expressed the conviction Christian Church in Asia Minor. He expressed the conviction that many valuable researches still lay before Mr. Ramsay, if only he were not hindered in his work by lack of funds. Looking to the future, the President threw out two suggestions for the Society's work, One was the investigation by thoroughly trained scholars of the monastic and other libraries in the East; the other was the mapping out of archæological and historical problems for young and competent scholars to set themselves to solve.—Mr. Gardner stated that no number of the Journal would Gardner stated that no number of the Journal would appear until the autumn, when a complete volume would be published.—Mr. C. T. Newton, in proposing a vote of thanks to the authors, surveyed the progress of archeological research during the year. Referring to Mr. Ramsay's work in Asia Minor, he said that he to Mr. Ramsay's work in Asia Minor, he said that he had heard with peculiar satisfaction the high estimate formed of that work by the Bishop of Durham. With regard to Mr. Wood's excavations at Ephesus, which might still yield rich results if funds were forthcoming, the speaker condemned in strong terms the unreadiness of the British public to meet Mr. Wood's frequent appeals for aid, contrasting if with the promut general whown hy the General with the prompt generosity shown by the German public in the case of Olympia, and by the Austrians, who last year sent out an expedition, completely equipped at private expense, to bring home to Vienna the magnificent friezes discovered at Ejolbaschi, in Lycia. The only encouraging sign in England was the ingressing study of expendency which would in the increasing study of archæology, which would in time provide a competent band of explorers such as had been sent out continuously by France and Germany for twenty years past.

SHORTHAND.—June 28—Annual General Meeting.
—Mr. T. A. Reed, President, in the chair.—Mr. A. Gardiner and Mr. J. S. Hugill were elected Members.
—The report stated that the Society now had 163 members, forty-seven having joined during the past year. A library had been formed, and the committee regretted that for the present its extent could only be enlarged by voluntary donations.—The balance sheet showed a satisfactory balance.—The report and accounts having been adopted, Mr. I. Pitman, the inventor of phonography, gave a brief address on 'The Science of Shorthand.' He said he would answer the question, "Is there a science of shorthand?" by saying, "Most certainly shorthand had a science as well

as astronomy," &c. He thought the Shorthand Society was doing good work, and that as it went on it would do much more; he wished it all prosperity.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Mox. Reyal Institution, 5.—General Monthly. United Service Institution, 3.—'The Fanctions of Cavalry in Modern War, Far II. Major F. Graves. Society of Arts, 8j.—Conversatione at Health Exhibition.—Fai. Quakets Microscopical, 7.

Science Cossip.

SIR JOSEPH BAZALGETTE occupied the chair on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Institution of Civil Engineers, when it was resolved that it would be desirable to commemorate the distinguished character and attainments of the late Sir William Siemens by erecting in Westminster Abbey a window to his memory. A committee was formed, and it was resolved that subscriptions should be limited to one guinea.

PROF. GEIKIE, of the Edinburgh University, presided at a meeting of the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain held on Tuesday, June 24th, in Edinburgh. Prof. Ruskin communicated a paper 'On Forms of Silica,' which was illustrated by about fifty specimens of a rare and beautiful character.

THE Midland Institute of Engineers is to be amalgamated with the Chesterfield and Derbyshire Institute of Engineers, and the meetings, it is proposed, shall be held in future in Sheffield.

Messes. Wilson & McCormick, of Glasgow, will publish immediately a new work by Mr. James Deas, C.E., entitled 'The Clyde.' The book will contain a chart of the river.

THE degree of Doctor of Science of the University of London has been for the first time obtained by a lady, Mrs. Sophia Bryant, daughter of the late Rev. W. Willock, D.D., Fellow of Trinity College, Dublin. Mrs. Bryant's work for the university degrees has been carried on simultaneously for five years with the duties of Mathematical Mistress at the North London Collegiate School for Girls.

Miss H. F. Braithwaite writes:—"I beg to correct a statement which appears in your issue for June 28th, in 'Science Gossip' column. The engine Novelty was constructed by my late father, John Braithwaite, the well-known civil engineer, in 1829, and not by his younger brother, Mr. A. S. Braithwaite, as there stated."

THE Council of the Society of Arts will hold a conversazione in conjunction with the Executive Council of the International Health Exhibition on Wednesday, July 9th. The gardens will be illuminated, and the whole of the buildings open.

The death is announced of the distinguished French botanist M. E. P. N. Fournier. Along with M. Egger he edited the work of Theophrastus on plants. He was preparing a flora of Mexico for the French Government and a flora of Brazil for the Emperor Don Pedro.

M. Berthelot is placed at the head of the bureau in Paris which has charge of the wine production of France, determining any alteration of the primitive elements either by adulteration or by mixing inferior varieties—a position previously filled by the late M. Wurtz.

M. DUPONT, in the Bulletin of the Musée Royal à Histoire Naturelle de Belgique, states that the detailed geological map of Belgium which is being prepared under his supervision is very nearly completed. Nineteen sheets are now in preparation for publication.

Mr. Robert Grimshaw publishes in the Journal of the Franklin Institute for June a paper entitled 'To Chicago in Eighteen Hours.' At present the transit from New York or Philadelphia occupies from twenty-seven to thirty-seven hours, according to the route and the character of the train. We cannot give any abstract of this communication with advantage, but the author promises such important reforms in the construction of railway engines that we must refer our readers to the Journal.

FINE ARTS

ROYAL SOCIETY Of PAINTERS IN WATER COLOURS— The HUNDRED AND FIRST EXHIBITION IS NOW OPEN.—5, Pai Mail East, from 10 till 6.—Admission, 1s.; Illustrated Catalogue, 1s. ALFRED D. FRIPP, Secretary

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GROSVENOR GALLERY.—SUMMER EXHIBITION.—The SUMMER EXHIBITION of the GROSVENOR GALLERY is NOW OPEN from 5 to 7.—Admission, is; Season Tickets, 5s.

19th CENTURY ART SOCIETY, Conduit Street Galleries.—The SUMMER EXHIBITION NOW OPEN from Ten to Six Daily, FREEMAN and MARRIOTT, Sec.

'THE VALE OF TEARS.'—DORÉ'S LAST GREAT PIUTURS, one pleted a few days before he died, NOW ON VIEW at the Doré Galley, So, New Rond Street, with 'Christ leaving the Fractorium,' Cares, Entry Into Jerusalem,' 'The Dream of Pliate's Wife,' and his other great Pictures. From Tea to Six Daily. "Admission, is."

A Complete Account, illustrated by Measured Drawings, of the Buildings erected in Northamptonshire by Sir Thomas Tresham. By J. A. Gotch. (Batsford.)

To have been in keeping with its chief subject and the quaint character of Sir Thomas Tresham, this ought to have been a three-cornered book, like Dr. Hodgkin's unique shield-shaped volume on heraldry and monograms which we reviewed eighteen years ago. The three thousand five hundred human skulls, magnified by terror and legend into forty thousand, that are stacked in the ossuary of the church at Rothwell are not the only wonders of that dreary little town, and the famous Triangular Lodge in the park at Rushton, built by Sir T. Tresham, is one of the curiosities of architecture. Sir Thomas was more zealous for the doctrine of the Trinity than Mr. Browning's Spanish monk, who denounced the Arian his comrade he hated, and declared:—

I the Trinity illustrate,
Drinking watered orange pulp—
In three sips the Arian frustrate,
While he drains his at one gulp.

Mr. Gotch has, we think, almost proved that Sir Thomas called in the aid of that capital architect John Thorpe, the designer of Holdenby, Burghley, and Kirby Halls, so that probably the two men laid their heads together, and, after the fashion of their day, indulged in architectural symbolism of a most extravagant fashion. The two T's in Tresham's name lent themselves to the whim, while his escutcheon, being divided per saltire, was charged with twice three trefoils; he was always asserting the virtues of three, and actually thought he had special manifestation of them, because while sitting with two servants in his hall an hour after supper, and hearing one of his men read 'Christian Resolution,' there came three loud knocks as with an iron hammer upon the wainscot table, "to the great amazing of me and my two servants."

Thorpe seems to have been a likely ally in executing the amazing freak which is illustrated in this admirable book. In his MS. 'Book of Plans,' preserved in the Soane Museum, there is, as Mr. Gotch has noticed, a plan of a house arranged in the shape of his initials, I. and T., and on the side is written:—

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Tresham the plan for his lodge. The ground plan is said to be an equilateral triangle, each side measuring 33 ft. 3 in. (Mr. Gotch does not find this to be exactly correct.) There are three floors; three windows in each story on each of the three sides; three gables are on each face; trilobal are the windows, each lobe being counterchanged of three, like the Tresham shield. Over the doorway is a curious quasi-pediment, formed of an equicurious quasi-peniment, formed of an equi-lateral triangle; within this pediment is a shield bearing the arms of Tresham, and below it the words, "Tres Testimonium Dant." The very chimney in the middle of the roof, although entirely "unpracticable" as a smoke-shaft, is triangular, and surmounted by a triangular pyramid, on the apex of which is the Tresham trefoil, and having a sort of frieze below the cornice moulding, pierced with three rondels. The date 1595 had a mystery of threes in it; the builder placed it on the façade of the Triangular Lodge. Not content with this, Tresham, or Thorpe, carved on the frieze of the entablature three legends, one on each side, each containing thirty-three letters. On the face of the building are carved two ranges of escutcheons referring to the arms and alliances of Tresham. Even these were selected by Sir Thomas so as to show bearings comprising triplets, e. g., the trefoils of Tresham, the three lions of Carew, the three water bougets of De Ros of Kendal, the three crosslets in chief of Clare, the three gerbs of Comyn, the fleur-de-lys of Staveley, the barry of three of Walrond, the three chevrons of St. Quentin, the three crescents of Salisbury, the three bucks' heads of Morley, and the triple rondels of Stourton. The build-ing is a most interesting illustration of that mania for emblems of which tons of lumber in books and prints remain to attest the vigour. Of all "follies" this, if not the most costly nor the largest, is the most elaborate and the least ugly; for, architecturally speaking, the Triangular Lodge is by no means devoid of beauty, marred, of course, by the most

outrageous whimsicality.

A far more costly building is the Market House at Rothwell, which Sir Thomas Tresham left unfinished. It has been falling into decay these two hundred years, although he intended it for a public hall for the people of the county, and decorated it with

the arms of all his friends.

"The works progressed: the shields were duly arranged and fairly carved with armorial bearings; the legend setting forth the reasons of Sir Thomas for this undertaking was inscribed, all but the few last syllables of the date; the floor was ready to be laid, the walls were ready for the roof, when the unfortunate knight's offence, that of being an aggressive Roman Catholic, was summarily punished by his being thrown into prison, and the works came to a standstill, never, apparently, to be renewed."

The exact date, left unfinished on the façade, remains unknown, but it must be between 1575 and 1580. A contract exists between Sir Thomas and William Groomball "for certain Buildings at Rothwell Cross," dated July 2nd, 1578. This Market House, a picturesque example of Thorpe's quasi-Palladian style, is an offence to purists, and to lovers of art a cruel stumbling-block, because it illustrates that wilful turning away from a national, rational, and logically

developed type of design in favour of a foreign and debased mode of architecture, which is characteristic of the period. The art employed by Tresham and Thorpe was of a debased kind; but the workmanship of the handicraftsmen, carvers, masons, and others, they employed was excellent, and the stone so durable that the surface, barring wanton injury, is nearly as smooth, the joints of the stones as clean and accurately laid, the walls as flawless as if they had been constructed twenty years ago. Some trace of Tresham's predilections for threes may be detected in the arms carved on this building. These are ninety in all, and most of them triple hearings.

The third of the Tresham structures is that picturesque New Building at Lyveden, the ground plan of which was a Greek cross, the longest limb being seventy feet. Each limb formed a chamber, with its extremity projecting in a bay. The whole included the so-called Waste Hall, or entry, the hall proper, a parlour, and the staircase; three bedchambers and a staircase occupied the upper floor; while the basement held a kitchen and offices. Like the Market Hall, the New Building was never finished. Its front has much dignity of a certain picturesque and elegant sort, like other works of its class, but it will not bear critical investigation. It was always a ruin, and when Lady Tresham came to reside at the old house in Lyveden after the decease of Sir Thomas in 1605 and the woeful death of her eldest son, it must have been a mournful sight. The son, Francis Tresham, was mixed up with Popish conspiracies of the atrocious sort. It was he who wrote to Lord Monteagle, his sister Elizabeth's husband, the letter which resulted in the discovery of the Gunpowder Plot. He was bought off for his share in the Essex re-bellion, but ended his days in the Tower. Fuller says that he contributed 2,000l. for the furtherance of the Gunpowder Plot.

There can be no doubt that Thorpe designed the Lyveden New Building. It is quite worthy of him; and Mr. Gotch discovered among Thorpe's MSS. in the Soane Museum part of the plans for this structure. These plans, or sketches, are exceedingly curious, and most valuable to architects, and our author has done well to reproduce them on a smaller scale. The fact that Thorpe had to do with the New Building greatly strengthens the probability of his having the leading share in the Triangular Lodge and the Market Hall at Rushton. Our thanks are due to the skill and zeal of the

author of this excellent book.

Sir Thomas was one of the persons examined in the Star Chamber with Lord Vaux and Sir W. Catesby, November 15th, 1581, for receiving Campion, the Jesuit priest, in their houses. Tresham, according to the account published in the Archaelogia, took a leading part in replying to the judges, who included Leicester, Sir F. Knolles, and Sir W. Mildmay. The prisoners were sent to the Fleet and heavily fined. Tresham had come into his estate when not more than fifteen years of age, when he succeeded his grandfather and namesake, the Lord Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem on Queen Mary's recreation of the order, whose effigy in Rushton Church, wearing the long gown of an

Hospitaller, is unique in England. The queen (Elizabeth), says Fuller, knighted Sir Thomas the builder at Kenilworth. When he was eighteen years of age he married Muriel Throckmorton, of Coughton, Warwickshire, and was all his life a zealous harbourer of priests, although he had been brought up, at least ostensibly, a Protestant. His portrait is at Boughton, dated 1568.

A Catalogue Raisonné of the Engraved Works of Sir J. Reynolds. By E. Hamilton. (Colnaghi & Co.)—This is the second edition of a valuable and useful book. No one who has not had experience of cataloguing works of art has any adequate idea of the difficulties to be overcome before such a volume as this reaches the standard of the present issue. It contains a great deal more than the first edition, and deserves the gratitude of collectors because it defines the state of nearly every print, describes the peculiarities of each work, and names the secondary or inferior engravings from the pic-tures. Publication lines are generally given at full length, with the dates and dimensions of the plates. Biographical memoranda, which we have, with a few exceptions, found to be quite correct, are included in each entry. We notice omissions here and there, which any one may supply with a pen, e.g., the date of the death of the Hon. Leicester Stanhope (fifth Earl of Harrington) is not given as September, 1862, a fact of interest, because it indicates, as we be-lieve, that the so-called portrait of 'A Boy with leve, that the so-called portrait of 'A Boy with a Drum' represents the child who, sitting in 1788, was the last survivor of Reynolds's models. We do not know why the Rev. Z. Mudge is called "D.D." The name of the child in the beautiful group called 'Pig-a-back,' or 'Mrs. Payne-Gallwey and Child'—a picture renowned by J. R. Smith's noble mezzotint and Chell's called the property of the control Zobel's excellent transcript-is not given. There has been so much confusion about this name that it would have been well to have noted that the child's name was Charles, and that in 1795 he was burnt to death in Maddox in 1795 he was burnt to death in Maddox Street, after returning from a masquerade. Zucchi, Angelica Kauffman's husband, was an A.R.A., not simply a Venetian painter. A valuable addition to this version of Dr. Hamilton's monumental opus is Part IV., which consists of "An alphabetical list of the pictures (by Sir J. R.) "An alphabetical list of the pictures (by Sir J. R.) from which the engravings were taken, with the dates of painting, names of the possessors, and other particulars." In this part the corresponding details found in the former edition of this catalogue have been incorporated, with considerable revision and the addition of much new matter. We notice a few slips of the pen in this as in other parts, e.g., "Earl of Cathcart," "Countess of Cathcart," "Cardiffe, John Stuart, Lord," "Banks, Joseph," "Cashiobury," "Cornwallis, Earl of," "Countess Harrington," &c. On the other hand, we notice signs of exemplary On the other hand, we notice signs of exemplary care, as in a cross-reference to "O'Brien, Lady," an entry which confirms the suspicion we have always felt that the portrait which John Dixon engraved in 1774 did not represent "Nelly O'Brien," the subject of Sir R. Wallace's marvellous picture. Dr. Hamilton points out that, apart from differences of the features in these portraits, the ages of the persons delineated differ greatly. "Nelly" died in 1768, before the other lady sat. The latter was probably Lady Susan (born Fox. Strangways) O'Brien, who eloped with O'Brien, the actor, in 1770. The last date is important. It is Dr. Hamilton's, but it is wrong. Lady Susan Fox-Strangways, according to Walpole's letter to Mann, "married herself two days ago in Covent Garden Church to O'Brien, a handsome young actor." This was April 7th, 1764. Cotes painted this lady and her husband c. 1772. As to the proper title of this portrait see Mr. J. Chaloner Smith's 'British Mezzotint Portraits,' vol. i., p. 213, published an entry which confirms the suspicion we have

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in 1878. Thankful as we are for what is here, we cannot but regret that Dr. Hamilton has refused to include prints published after 1822.

A FRENCH SOCIETY FOR PROTECTING ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

THE interest which has been awakened in England to the importance of preserving our ancient buildings leads us sometimes to wish they could be put under national supervision, more especially when an attempt to preserve some beautiful monument is baffled by the indifference or obstinacy of its guardians or owner. We then say, "They manage these things better in France." There they have a "Commission des Monuments Historiques" which directs the repairs or the alterations of an ancient building, and the public has an appeal to it when the building falls into the state in which Furness Abbey, for instance, now is. In France, unfortunately, the appeal is too seldom exercised; but with our English love of grumbling a nationalization of our monuments might be the means of saving many of them.

To Frenchmen the Commission of Historical Monuments is not an unmixed blessing. The Frenchman sees the ancient buildings of his country restored well-nigh beyond recognition, or neglected by it to the fullest extent of private indifference; but he cannot act alone against the Government, and there is no organization to aid him. He then says, "They do these things better in England." Not very much better, we think. But, however this may be, there is now a well-organized movement on foot to establish a society in France on the lines of the English Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

A basis for it is found in a society recently established under the name of the Societé des Amis des Arts Parisiens, whose object is to watch over the monuments of Paris — works of architecture, painting, and sculpture—"sur ses souvenirs historiques et sur l'ensemble de sa physionomie artistique."

It is now wisely proposed that this society, under the direction of M. Ch. Normand, an architect well known in England, be reconstituted, with the intention of extending its operations, for the protection of ancient architectural monuments more emphatically, over the whole of France.

M. Adolphe Guillon, a distinguished painter and a Corresponding Member of the English Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, whose views and aims he long ago warmly embraced, is one of the foremost in this movement. He has written strongly on the wreck which "restoration" is making of the ancient monuments of France, and the sympathy which his letters have drawn forth is shown by the unanimity with which they have been reprinted by the art journals of Paris as well as by many of the provincial papers.

There is every reason to believe that the coming winter will see the formal constitution of a Société Protectrice des Anciens Monuments of Paris

SALE.

Messes. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 28th ult. the following pictures, from the Leigh Court Gallery:—G. Bellini, The Adoration of the Magi, 383l. A. Carracci, Diana and Actæon, in a fine landscape, with open view of the sea, 462l. L. Carracci, St. John, 225l. M. Cerezo, The Virgin in Adoration, 682l. Carlo Dolci, The Virgin, 383l. Domenichino, St. John in a Vision, 735l. F. Guardi, The Procession of the Doge at Venice, 425l.; The Rialto, 220l. W. Hogarth, Portrait of Miss Fenton, afterwards Duchess of Bolton, as Polly Peachum in 'The Beggar's Opera,' 840l.; The Shrimp Girl, 262l. Claude Lorraine, The Sacrifice to Apollo, 6,090l.; The Landing of Æneas in Italy, 3,990l.; A Herdsman driving Cattle through a River,

2 047l.; A Seaport, Evening, 525l.; A Seaport, 525l. Murillo, The Holy Family, 3,150l.; The Repose of the Holy Family in Egypt, 761l.; The Martyrdom of St. Andrew, 388l. P. Potter, Three Cows at Pasture, 451l. G. Poussin, The Calling of Abraham, 1,995l.; A Landscape, with figures in the foreground, and water in the middle distance, 378l.; Cascatellas of Tivoli, 472l.; Cascade at Tivoli, 420l. N. Poussin, The Plague of Athens, 420l. Raphael, Christ bearing His Cross, 588l.; The Virgin with the Infant Jesus, 630l. Rubens, The Holy Family, 5,250l.; The Conversion of Saul, 3,465l. Schidone, The Virgin teaching the Infant Christ, 294l. T. Stothard, The Procession of Chaucer's Pilgrims to Canterbury, 441l. Titian, Venus and Adonis, 1,680l.; The Graces, 210l. J. Vernet, A Coast Scene, 200l. L. Da Vinci, St. John, 210l.; Creator Mundi, 525l. We have spoken of this sale in another place.

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THE National Gallery has acquired several desirable pictures from the Leigh Court Collection at the following prices:—Gaspar Poussin, 'Calling of Abraham,' 1,900 guineas; Giovanni Bellini (?), 'Adoration of the Magi,' 365 guineas; Hogarth, 'Portrait of Miss Fenton,' 800 guineas, and 'The Shrimp Girl,' 250 guineas; Stothard, 'The Canterbury Pilgrims,' 420 guineas. We have already given the histories of these works and of some others of this collection. It is understood that many of the pictures were bought in.

The memorial stone for the grave of Dante Gabriel Rossetti is now on view at Messrs. Patteson's, Manchester. It is in the form of an ancient Irish cross. The face of the stone is richly carved from a design by Mr. Ford Madox Brown. There are four decorative panels. The block supporting the cross has two inscriptions, the one at the front being as follows: "Here sleeps Gabriel Charles Dante Rossetti, honoured under the name of Dante Gabriel Rossetti among painters as a painter, and among poets as a poet. Born in London, of parentage mainly Italian, 12th May, 1828; died at Birchington, 9th April, 1882." The inscription on the other side is in these terms: "This cruciform monument, bespoken by Dante Rossetti's mother, was designed by his lifelong friend, Ford Madox Brown; executed by J. & H. Patteson; and erected by his brother William and sister Christina Rossetti."

SIR F. LEIGHTON, who has been for some years a "Membre Correspondant" of the Académie des Beaux-Arts, has now been nominated "Associé Étranger" in the place of Mercuri. Mr. Millais is the only other English Associate.

THE forthcoming part of the Journal of the British Archaeological Association will contain, among others, the following papers: 'Dover Records in the British Museum,' by Mr. Richard Sims; 'The Castle of Devizes,' by Mr. W. H. Butcher; 'Development of the Fortifications of Dover Castle,' by Major G. T. Plunkett, R.E.; 'The Crosses at Ilkley,' by Mr. J. Romilly Allen; 'Discoveries at Aquincum, in Hungary,' by Prebendary Scarth, M.A.; 'Notes on an Ancient Chapel at Dover,' by Mr. E. P. Loftus Brock, F.S.A.; and 'The Castles of Sandown and Sandgate,' by Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A.

Our energetic contemporary the Builder, which has long devoted attention to the decoration of public works, will publish this week (July 5th) a chromo lithographic representation of St. Paul's dome, and, with Mr. Poynter's concurrence, "ink-photos" of the designs in the circular panels, which are leading elements in the decorative scheme we have already described. A word of compliment is due to the Builder on account of the great improvement

lately made in its illustrations, which are not quite worthy of the pretensions of the journal

A CORRESPONDENT writes :- "There having appeared within the last week certain errone statements respecting the pictures of 'Ven and Adonis' attributed to Titian at the Madri Gallery and at Leigh Court, it is desirable, it the interest of truth and in justice to two di tinguished writers to whom every art studen is deeply indebted, to point out how the mater stands. Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle as in their 'Life of Titian,' that the 'Venus as Adonis' painted by Titian for Philip II. is the picture now at Madrid. Philip, then Prine of Spain, in a letter to Francesco Varga, December 6th, 1554, laments that the picture had received damage from a fold across it (m) tratado de una doblez que haya á traues por medio del, &c.). Messrs. Crowe and Cavalcaselle point to the furrow across the centre of the Madrid picture, and to two others lower down in the picture, indicating that it had been 'rolled and squeezed flat.' Those who have carefully a amined the original will remember the damage the markings are plainly seen in Laurent photograph. It was last week asserted the photograph. It was last week asserted the the Leigh Court version was the one sent to because there was a fold across the Philip, centre of it. In this instance, as was observed by many visitors to the sale-room, the mark ing was caused by a join in the canvas—two lengths of canvas had been joined together to make one piece; it was distinctly not a fold (doblez)." Having examined the Leigh Court picture independently, we came to the same conclusion as our correspondent. Of the intrinsic merits of this picture we have, without regard to the subject of our correspondents remarks, already spoken.

The new number of the Archaeological Journal contains papers on 'The Gallo-Roman Moments of Reims,' by Mr. Bunnell Lewis; '0a the Methods used by the Romans for extiguishing Conflagrations,' by the Rev. Joseph Hirst; 'Jewish Seal found at Woodbridge,' by C. W. King, M.A.; 'Roman Pottery found at Worthing,' by Mr. A. J. Fenton; 'Roman Inscriptions discovered in Britain in 1883,' by Mr. W. Thompson Watkin; 'The Battle of Lewe,' by Rev. W. R. W. Stephens, M.A.; 'Som Remarks on the Pfahlgraben and Saalburg Camp in Germany, in Relation to the Roman Wall and Camps in Northumberland,' by Mr. James Hilton, F.S.A.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—"Some notice of the interview between the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the deputation that waited upa him on the 2nd inst. respecting the Blenheim pictures will appear in the press, therefore is no breach of confidence to draw special attention to the eloquent appeal made by Sir Frederic Leighton in favour of securing the principal Rubenses of the Blenheim Collection for the nation. He spoke with a warmth and impressiveness that showed his thorough knowledge of their artistic importance, and of the serious low to art if they do not go to the National Galler, If such a loss is to happen, at least the painter will have the satisfaction of knowing that thanks to the noble protest of the head of their profession, none of the scandal and disgrace will devolve upon them."

Messes. Bell have in the press a work on the 'Old Schools and Masters of Fence,' by Me Egerton Castle, M.A. It will trace the development of the modern art of fence from the ancients word and rapier play, and will be illustrated by a number of designs reproduced by Dawson's process from the works of the most celebrated authors of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Mr. Castle will also treat of the more important associations of swordsmen in the Middle Ages and at the Renaissance, and hopes to give a copious bibliography of the subject.

HERR CARL HUMANN, the excavator of Per-

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gamus, has received from the German Emperor the rank of Director of Section of the Museum of Berlin and of Councillor of State. When he of Berlin and of Countents of State. When he leaves Pergamus he will reside at Smyrna. The Germans seem determined to hold their ground in the study of the archeology of Asia Minor, where we are now represented by Mr. Ramsay.

The art gallery recently erected in Wolver-hampton, at a cost of over 8,000l., by Mr. Philip Horsman, has obtained several gifts of pictures, and its walls are now adorned by a loan callestion of some thousand pointing. collection of some thousand paintings, mostly supplied by the local gentry, supplemented by loans of engravings from South Kensington. To raise funds to obtain a permanent collection of pictures, &c., an industrial exhibition, with archeological and geological departments, is now opened in the town.

A CORRESPONDENT inquires for the models and designs left by Foley. It appears that these in-teresting works are not all in the same place. The Royal Dublin Society, to which they were left, having been absorbed by the Science and Art Department, the authorities of the Department claimed and removed them to South Kensington. Owing to the cost of carriage, a portion only of these works had been sent from London to Ireland in the first instance, where they may be seen in Kildare Street, Dublin. The remainder, with the exception of the Outram statue (now at the the exception of the Outram statue (now at the Crystal Palace), are, it is understood, still in the possession of the Art Department. Certain sketches, models, and designs properly belonging to this group were, it is said, sold privately. Surely the Art Department ought to show the examples it has taken possession of. If there is not room for them in London they might well go that to Dublin. Perhaps some Irish templates. back to Dublin. Perhaps some Irish member in want of a grievance will stir this matter. Foley was an Irishman.

When reviewing Mr. Graves's 'Dictionary of Artists' last week we surmised that "the youngest exhibitor" was "Miss James, aged fourteen," who in 1773 sent 'Flowers' to the Society of Artists. We have since found in the catalogue of this society's exhibition, 1775, the interesting name of "Master George Morland (ten years old)," who exhibited two pictures, Nos. 189 and 190. The entry shows that Morland's father was making capital out of the child. Nos. 189 and 199. The entry shows that mor-land's father was making capital out of the child. Mr. Briton Riviere exhibited two pictures at the British Institution in 1851, when he was only eleven years old.

Two fine groups in bronze by M. Cain, whose superb animal sculptures are already represented in the same place, are destined for the Tuileries garden. They are the 'Lion et Lionne se disputant un Sanglier,' which was in the Salon last putant in Sangher, which was in the Sahon hast year, and the 'Rhinocéros attaqué par des Tigres' of the present year's Salon. These works will be placed at the entrance of the Terrasse des Feuillants, upon pedestals designed by M. Guillaume.

THE museum at Montpellier has bought of Madame Ingres for 20,000 francs a repetition by her husband of the famous picture 'Stratonice,' which is in the collection of the Duc d'Aumale.

FLANDRIN'S portrait of Napoleon III., which that emperor gave to the Tribunal de Commerce, has been returned to the State, and will be deposited in the Galeries Historiques at Versailles.

THE death is announced of M. Marcellin, a distinguished French sculptor and a pupil of Rude. He obtained second-class medals in 1851 and 1855, and rappels in 1857 and 1859, and the Legion of Honour in 1862.

THE statue of Mr. William Lloyd Garrison, the leader of the American abolitionists, a site for which will be found in Boston, U.S., is expected to be completed during the ensuing autum. The sculptor is Mr. Olin L. Warner, of New York.

The candidates for the post of Directeur de l'Académie de France at Rome, in place of M. Cabat, are M. Hébert, formerly director at the Cabat, are M. Hébert, formerly

Villa Médicis; M. Dupont, engraver; and M. Chaplain, medalist.

THE Loan Exhibition of Scotch Portraits opens at Edinburgh to-day.

MUSIC

THE WEEK.

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.—'Carmen.' COVENT GARDEN.—German Opera: 'Tannhäuser'; 'Tristan und Isolde.'

A REMARKABLE proof of the weakness of the present Royal Italian Opera company, except in *prime donne*, was afforded last Saturday, when 'Don Giovanni' had to be postponed in consequence of the illness of Signor Cotogni. The natural inference is that Mr. Ernest Gye possesses only one artist capable of undertaking the rôle of Don Juan at short notice-a condition of affairs ill atoned for by a galaxy of soprani of the first rank. At the repetition of 'Carmen' on Monday some changes were made in the previous cast. Signor Mierzwinski's embodiment of Don José was chiefly noteworthy for his unstinted employment of his exceptionally high chest notes. In the distinctly vocal parts of the music he showed a lamentable want of the suaviter in modo. M. Soulacroix was acceptable as the Toreador. 'Sigurd' is in rehearsal, and the production of M. Reyer's opera is fixed for next Tues-

day week, the 15th inst.

A disappointment awaited those who went to Covent Garden yesterday week in the expectation of hearing Stanford's 'Savonarola,' which had been advertised in the morning's papers. The work was again postponed, owing, we believe, to the fact that the lady who at a very short notice had undertaken the principal soprano part had found it impossible to learn it in the time. The postponement of the opera had, we are informed, been already decided on the Thursday, and it would have been only fair that the change should have been notified in the papers on the Friday, thus saving much annoyance both to the public and to the managers. In place of Dr. Stanford's opera 'Tannhäuser' was given; and honesty compels us to say that a more unsatisfactory performance we do not remember to have heard. It is because we heartily desire the success of German opera in this country that we feel it our duty to tell the managers very plainly that such representations as that now under notice will and must prove ruinous to their enterprise. We fully recognize the earnestness of the individual members of the German company and the general excellence of the ensemble; but the public require more than this. They do not insist on great "stars," though such are undoubtedly an attraction; Mr. Carl Rosa has proved that they are not a necessity. But they do require that the performers shall at least be able to sing; and, as a matter of simple fact, there are scores of pupils at the Royal Academy and the Guildhall School of Music who know far more about singing than the large majority of the German troupe. Two years ago at Drury Lane really first-class artists were secured. and crowded houses were the natural result. But now there is no soprano in the company
—or at least none had appeared up to last

of the tenors now at Covent Garden, Herr Stritt and Herr Oberländer, though both good actors, can neither of them sing. Herr Reichmann is somewhat better, though by no means equal to Herr Gura, the leading baritone of two years since. Of the representatives of the smaller parts by far the best are Herr Schrödter and Herr Scheidemantel. The chorus, again, is by no means invariably up to the mark; the singing of the Pilgrims' Chorus in the first act of 'Tannhäuser' last week was distressingly out of tune. No doubt it is very difficult; but two years ago it was sung to perfection. Surprise has been expressed that 'Die Meistersinger,' which proved so great an attrac-tion in 1882, has been far less successful this season. The explanation is obvious; the performances, taken as a whole, have been far inferior to the former ones. The sooner the managers recognize the fact that our London public will not support a secondrate company—and we cannot honestly call that now at Covent Garden by any other name-the better it will be both for their own pockets and for the cause of German

opera in England.

The remarkable inequality of the German opera performances at present taking place at Covent Garden was never more strikingly shown than in the strong contrast between the rendering of 'Tannhäuser' just noticed and that of Wagner's masterpiece, 'Tristan und Isolde,' last Wednesday evening. The former was probably the most unsatisfactory performance yet given by the German company; the latter was unquestionably the finest. Writing at the moment of going to press, it is, of course, impossible to speak in detail of this extraordinary work; but this is, fortunately, the less necessary as it was noticed somewhat fully in these columns on the occasion of its first production in London two years ago (Athenæum, No. 2852). We must confine ourselves now to a few remarks on Wednesday's performance. The parts of the hero and heroine were admirably given by Herr Gudehus and Fräulein Lehmann. Herr Gudehus as Tristan more than satisfied every reasonable requirement, both as an actor and as a singer. The part is one of the most exacting, even of Wagner's; but Herr Gudehus was fully equal to the demands made upon him. Fräulein Lehmann was a most charming and sympathetic representative of Isolde. In the interests of German opera we can only regret that she has not been heard earlier in the season. In the difficult part of Brangane Fraulein Luger was most efficient; her by-play in the latter half of the first act was especially well considered and artistic. Herr Scheidemantel (Kur-wenal), Herr Wiegand (Marke), and Herr Schrödter (the Shepherd) were all thoroughly satisfactory; and the orchestra, in spite of a few slips, not to be wondered at in such difficult music, left little to desire.

The work was received by a crowded audience with the utmost enthusiasm, the principal performers being recalled several times after each act.

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just been issued. The chief works to be given are 'Elijah,' 'Messiah,' Gounod's 'Redemption,' and Mackenzie's 'Rose of Sharon.' Besides the last-named work, which has been composed expressly for the occasion, English music will be represented by Dr. Stanford's 'Elegiac Ode,' also written for the festival; Mr. Cowen's 'Scandinavian' Symphony; and an overture by Mr. T. Wingham. The principal vocalists engaged are Misses Emma Nevada, Anna Williams, and Damian, Madame Patey, and Messrs. E. Lloyd, Maas, Santley, and Thorndike. Mr. Randegger will conduct.

Mr. John Thomas gave a grand harp concert at St. James's Hall last Saturday afternoon.

One of the most industrious of our writers of words for music, Mr. Edward Oxenford, has just printed a catalogue of his works. The list comprises sixty-two large pieces (operas, cantatas, &c.) and upwards of nine hundred songs. Such fertility of production deserves a word of mention.

The pupils of Madame Sainton Dolby's Academy gave a concert at the Steinway Hall on Thursday afternoon. Both programme and performance were fully up to the high standard that Madame Sainton has taught us to expect from her academy.

THE Council of the Society of Arts announce that the proposal of the Prince of Wales to hold in the year 1885 an International Exhibition of Inventions and of Musical Instruments will be carried out. The first division is to be devoted to illustrations of apparatus, appliances, processes, and products invented or brought into use since 1862. The second division will consist of examples of musical instruments not earlier than the commencement of the present century.

MR. WILHELM GANZ gave a soirée musicale at his residence, Harley Street, on Tuesday. Beethoven's Trio in B flat, Op. 97, was performed by Mr. Ganz, Herr Pollitzer, and M. Libotton; and among the other artists who appeared were Miss De Fonblanque, Miss C. Elliot, Miss Griswold, Miss M. McKenzie, Mr. Bernard Lane, and Mr. Maas. Miss Jenny Dickerson, an American vocalist, made a favourable impression, as did Miss Kate Flinn, a soprano of considerable promise.

Mr. Harvey Löhr and Mr. J. Robertson gave a miscellaneous morning concert at the Prince's Hall on Wednesday. The programme contained nothing worthy of note save two pleasing little drawing-room pianoforte pieces by Mr. Löhr.

MR. MONCURE D. CONWAY gave a lecture last Tuesday to the London branch of the Richard Wagner Society of Germany 'On Wagner and the Supernaturalism of Art.' In the course of his lecture Mr. Conway spoke of 'Parsifal' as one of the greatest conceptions of our time. Next Monday Mr. Charles Dowdeswell will deliver a lecture upon 'Lohengrin' and 'Tristan und Isolde.'

HERR CARL WEBER gave a pianoforte recital at the Prince's Hall last Thursday evening.

M. Bayle, of Nîmes, has just made an interesting discovery among the papers of M. Raynaud, an Avignon notary, of a number of Noëls with the musical notation of the melodies for each. Most of these compositions are of the early sixteenth century. One of them, in Provençal, was written in 1572, upon the occasion of the marriage of Henry IV. and Marguerite de Valois.

On Thursday Madame Adelina Hirlemann gave a concert at Messrs. Collard & Collard's Rooms, Grosvenor Street.

THE Grand Prix de Rome at the Paris Conservatoire has just been awarded to M. de Bussy, who took the second Grand Prix last year. M. de Bussy is a pupil of M. Guiraud.

HERE JULIUS STOCKHAUSEN, the well-known vocalist and teacher, will publish in the course

of the summer an instruction book for singing. The work will be issued by the firm of C. F. Peters, of Leipzig.

M. Ernest David has just published in Paris a volume, 'G. F. Handel: sa Vie, ses Travaux, et son Temps.' This is said to be the first biography of the great composer that has appeared in the French language.

THE Regio Theatre at Turin will shortly produce a new opera by Mancinelli, entitled 'Isora di Provenza.'

DRAMA

Callirrhoë: Fair Rosamund. By Michael Field. (Bell & Sons.)

This is obviously the work of a young writer, and it augurs well for her future success as a dramatic poet, in spite of the faults of these two plays, which spring chiefly from over impulsiveness. "Michael Field" is seldom happy unless she is speaking in metaphors, which, in their attempts to be bold, are occasionally ludicrous. For instance, she makes an old hag, in whom the passion of love yet burns, say, in describing herself:—

He 'd kiss my lips;
He could not find 'em; they are down my throat.
Other examples of strained figure might easily be adduced. On the other hand, the writer undoubtedly possesses the two qualities absolutely essential to all dramatic writing—those of being able to create, and to make her creations express themselves with the terse and vivid expression which, by a happy epithet, at times lays bare an entire condition of mind.

In the preface the author avows herself a worshipper of enthusiasm and a believer in the ennobling influences of love. That she is both these her work demonstrates, and shows, moreover, that with the sweet knowledge of love comes too often acquaintance with sorrow. The anthem but foreruns the direc.

Callirrhoë is loved by Coresus, a priest of Bacchus, who would, moreover, convert her to his faith. She, however, belonging to the elder and graver creed, rejects him both as priest and man. Incensed by this, he invokes a plague on Calydon. The city is stricken. A victim is demanded by the gods. Callirrhoë offers herself, to save the city on which she has innocently brought a curse; but Coresus, who is to slay her at the altar, slays himself instead. The sacrifice is accepted, and the plague is stayed. Callirrhoë flies to the woods, converted to the new religion, and there, devoted to the memory of him who gave his life for hers, dies by her own hand. The sceptical but good-hearted physician Machaon is the most individual male character in the play. He is well conceived and portrayed, and so is Emathion, in whose weak mind love of his sister Callirrhoë and terror of death combat each other, love being easily vanquished by fear. Here is a passage of really fine dramatic description. Callirrhoë soliloquizes over the body of the fair Nephele, beloved of her brother, who had been stricken by the plague :-

CALLIRBHOE. How different from that fair Bacchic sleep From which thou once did'st wake, my Nephele,

From which thou once did'st wake, my Nephele, This hideous lifelessness! Ye gods! instead Of the bright laughter of the dreaming lips A grin is on the sharp, shrunk mouth; the cheek, Moist with the balmy warmth of its own blush. Now glistens beaded with a chilly sweat. Once in delirium, when her speech came thick As blood-clot through the edges of a wound, Some memory of dewy morning-hills I caught in her hot voice.

Oh, I must hide thee, bury thee; but first My lips shall touch the cheek that lies against My white robe like a tawny withered rose. She 'd cry to think my lips Loathed her that once delighted in her mouth. There, there! [kisses the corpse] Love and the vultures are the only things Death cannot sicken. All are gone from her; Her parents, sisters; and Emathion Came not to comfort her.

And this suggestive phrase touching the reluctant oracle, "The wind seemed in labour of it, and moaned heavily," belongs to a high order of dramatic writing.

Very striking, despite a false note or two, and showing something almost of Shakspearean penetration into a half-human nature, is the scene between Machaon and the faun of Coresus after the death of the latter. The scene opens with the faun dancing and singing and perplexed at the mockery of his own shadow:—

FAUN. I dance and dance! Another faun, A black one, dances on the lawn. He moves with me, and when I lift My heels, his feet directly shift. I can't out-dance him, though I try; He dances nimbler than I.

I toss my head, and so does he; What tricks he dares to play on me! I touch the ivy in my hair; Ivy he has and finger there. The spiteful thing to mock me so! I will outdance him! Ho! ho! ho!

Soon Machaon questions him as to his dear master Coresus:—

FAUN [offering to jump up]. Now I may go!

MACHAON. Stop! Tell me, can you love!

FAUN, I love Coresus.

MACHAON. Ah! and you love him!

What do you know of him?

FAUN. He's kind to me.

MACHAON. The knowledge of a brute. I hoped

for more.

What! from this simpleton.—He loved your wood!

FAUN. He loves it, and he often plays with

MACHAON. How dull are the unfearing to suspect!

FAUN. And bends the bough of the high fir for reach

Of my hand wanting cones, and then he strokes The smooth back of a deer, and binds its neck With ivy-leaves, at which, oh, how I laugh! And then he laughs, and then I clap my hands.

MACHAON. Hast thou seen any in the woods to-day?

FAUN. Two, with their noses on a mossy root,

FAUN. Two, with the...
That looked at me, and
MACHAON. I meant any man.
Hast thou seen man or maiden in these glades?
FAUN. No! no! He has not come so long time.

When will he come again?

MACHAON. No more, no more.

—I'd better spell the manuscript of Death
To these untutored ears. This ignorance
So blessèd in the present may afflict
The future, with its wonder unallayed,
That growing drearily, at last becomes
The brutish misery that never knows.

—He's dead,

FAUN. Does that mean that he's angry with me. Oh, I'll be good,

If he will come again, and not be dead!

MACHAON.—He'll melt my manhood! It is
strange, most strange;
The tongrag of howledge wags with sounding

The tongue of knowledge wags with sounding phrase:
Set ignorance to question, and it straight

Set ignorance to question, and it straight Declines to lisping. I am childish-mouthed Before this unschooled creature.—Come to me. You will not? Nay, but I must have you near 5, '84

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—I make too solemn preparations,
(Oh, cruel priestcraft of my tender dread!)
He's frightened. Brevity but cuts the flesh
Of our anxieties; prolixity
Tears it. So I'll be brief.— Tears it. So I'll be brief.—

Eon said that you were sorry when in June
The hyacinths drop away?
FAUN.

Yes.
MACHAON.

When they're gone, MACHAON.
You cannot get them back again?
I can. Not for a while, but then their streaky buds Shoot up, and soon they 're all with me again.

MACHAON.—Ah! I must give a better rendering From Death's old bone-grey parchment.-Right,

you're right!
The hyacinths blue the ground spring after spring, Although with different flowers from those you bunched In grasp too small last year. For oft your hands Are greedy with the flowers?

No, for they look FATIN.

FAUN. No, for they look
Loog-faced and tired, and do not smile at me
As when they stick straight up out of the ground.
MACHAON.—A thread to guide me, through the
labyrinth
Of his simplicity and ignorance,
To the mid-chamber, dark and windowless,
Where understanding lies!—The tired flowers
Georg rely, loop.

Grow ugly, lose
All likeness to the bells you jerked about
So merrily when they were purple?

FAUN. 1es.
When they grow tired, I lay them on the grass;
Ilove to lie upon the grass when tired,
And then they go.
MACHAON. That going I call Death.
FAUN. But then they come again, quite fresh

and gay,
But I am tired, tired, tired!
MACHAON.—The thread is snapt, the labyrinthine

way
Blocked up with dulness,—Yet you want to know
Wherefore Coresus cannot play with you?

FAUN. Oh yes!
MACHAON. Then tell me, did you ever love

Machaon. Then tea.
One deer above the rest?
Oh yes! -His yawn

Is to my heart's pain most medicinal.

Tire often blunts the edge of sorrow's sword.—

And did it ever cease to follow you? FAUN. One day it followed; then lay down;

then up
It got, and followed as I ran before. At last it lay, and would not stir, for all I tickled its soft skin with chestnut-leaves.

Machaon. It was dead!

FAUN [shuddering]. It grew a heap
More nasty than an ant-hill, for it smelt!

MACHAON. He knows the alphabet of Death;

my task To make the grim idea creep through the signs
As snake through blades of grass. Yes, I must form
The sentence of man's doom, and teach to him.

FAUN. I hate the wood about it: never dance, Or even go there.
MACHAON. It was dead.
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It's right again; I never go to see. MACHAON. I tell you it was dead.

FAUN. Then it ras dead. MACHAON.—How shall I lift the lid of his mind's

chest, And empty it of Hope's sweet silver form That's been its tenant and glad prisoner?-Coresus thus is dead:

Coresus thus is dead:
Just like your deer; dead, dead, just like your deer.
—He's all a-tremble; yet his frightened thought
Still dares a vain resistance, like a girl
Who whips the captor's arms. Ah me, ah me!
I dare not comfort him while still he doubts;
Silence is unbelief's best battle-field.—

FAUN [in a whisper]. And is he brown and nasty, like the deer?

MACHAON.—I can't pollute his memory with

Yes!—
No, no. But he can talk no more, nor move, Nor ever come to play with you again.

FAUN. He'll come with the next hyacinths? You never, never will be with him more, MACHAON.

Or play with him again. FAUN. Oh-o-h-h! MACHAON. Belief At last fills up the doorway of his doubt .-My boy!—A sob is coming, and the face
Looks older now its lines of joy are bent
To sorrow's converse will.—

[Faun rolls on the grass and sobs.

Nay, do not cry. Look, here 's a cone. I'll pick you cones, and play. O Death, how, like a cruel step-mother, You always put your spite in every joy! You've torn a great hole in the happiness Of this quite happy creature, which no stitch
Of Time will mend completely.

FAUN. Dead, dead, dead!

Coresus, don't be dead !

MACHAON.

I've got a cone;

I'll give it you. There! Try to love me, boy!

FAUN. Coresus dead! Oh, oh! Dead like the deer. The horrid deer that lay and smelt! Oh, oh! Coresus, dead like that? MACHAON.

You'll love me? FAUN.

No.
Perhaps the deer's all right! I'll see! I'll see!
For then Coresus will be all right too! [Exit.

MACHAON. Go, have thy foolish way.
tears are dry;
I will not raise their flood-gate for the world.
Deception is the ivy of the mind:

I've cut Its roots at his small brain, and it may hang
Greenly about it for a little while
Before it withers. I must budge, must hence.
Poor youngster! Here's the very place his back
Made in the moss. Would he could lie and laugh
The shadow o' Death uncaught! So Truth can

The shadow of Pearls and Sagard Curse:

I thought not it could put its sacred tongue
To such a use. Heigh-ho! From this time forth
He'll have a different laugh. I must be gone!

[Exit.

It should be mentioned that the writer makes no secret of her having disregarded chronology in the introduction of the worship of Dionysus.

ship of Dionysus.

'Fair Rosamund' is a much rougher work, but shows conception and genuine poetic vigour of expression. The comparative quiet, however, with which the king is made to accept the murder of his favourite, is, to say the least of it, not impressive. The substitution here of fancial realistics for pression is corrected and ful meditation for passion is somewhat surprising in the case of a writer who has shown herself to have dramatic instinct.

"Michael Field" has to learn that every true artist will rest his readers by passages of calm, which are as shade to sunlight—passages in which he will not try to be tragic, witty, or anything but natural, which, of course, he should always be. We can only hope that this writer, by patient labour and merciless self-criticism, will cultivate to their utmost possibilities the high gifts that are already hers.

The Riverside Shakespeare. By Richard Grant White. 3 vols. (Sampson Low & Co.)—In 1765 Dr. Johnson, in his admirable preface, wrote, "Let him that is yet unacquainted with the powers of Shakspeare, and who desires to feel the highest pleasure that the drama can give, read every play, from the first scene to the last, with utter negligence of all his commentators. When his fancy is once on the wing, let it not stoop at correction or explanation.....Let him read on through brightness and obscurity, through integrity and corruption; let him pre-serve his comprehension of the dialogue and his interest in the fable. And when the pleasures of novelty have ceased, let him attempt exactness, and read the commentators. Particular passages are cleared by notes, but the general effect of the work is weakened. The mind is refrigerated by interruption; the thoughts are diverted from the principal subject; the reader is weary, he

suspects not why; and at last throws away the book which he has too diligently studied." Since Johnson wrote, the labours of a multitude of editors and commentators have done much to remove corruption from the text of Shakspeare, and, by the universal study of his works, his language has become so much more familiar to us, language has become so much more familiar to us, that, in looking over the writings of his commentators of Johnson's time, we are often surprised to find that what are once more household words to us were to them obscurities. The "general reader," in fact, is now in a much better position to appreciate Shakspeare than when Johnson edited his works, and Johnson's advice—true at all times—is now much easier to follow than when he offered it. much easier to follow than when he offered it. Under these circumstances, Mr. R. G. White puts forth an edition of the plays and poems designed for "the reader of common sense, common intelligence, common information, and common capacity of poetical thought"; for his enjoyment merely, and not in any way as an aid to the critical study of the text. To all who know anything of Shakspearean literature, Mr. White is known as one of the most competent of modern editors of Shakspeare: his learning and critical acumen are acknowledged on all hands, and will always command respectful conhands, and will always command respectful consideration from those best able to sit in judgment on his work. His conclusions may not always be admitted—in some cases they will be emphatically denied; but due allowance being made for the idiosyncrasy of every editor, and the many and grievous difficulties which beset his path being fairly considered, he would unhesitatingly be accepted as, on the whole, a safe guide, and one having a just claim to the confidence of his reader. An edition, therefore, "simple of itself," coming from such a man could hardly fail to be appreciated and would be in itself of high critical value. Unfortunately, however, it is evident that Mr. White in his heart of hearts has but a faint belief in the existence of the reader for whom he professes to have designed his volumes, and his pages are, consequently, encumbered with explanatory notes which for the most part will be considered by such a reader mere editorial impertinences; the interruptions of a good-natured but fussy friend, who cannot believe the work he displays will be duly appreciated without the perpetual interposition of his finger and his tongue. On the other hand, the reader-or learner ratherwho would want such notes as are here given would want very many more; but it is not for him that the work is intended. Again, the introductory notices to each play can neither afford enjoyment to the general reader nor help him to the appreciation of the text, while to the critical student they must be eminently un-satisfactory. We forbear any detailed criticism of either text or notes; the text, after all the exceptions that might be made against it, must still in the end be pronounced a fairly good text—in Mr. White's hands it could scarcely fail to be so; but as to the notes—good, bad, and indifferent—we deny their right to existence at all in this edition, and hope they may be hereafter rigorously suppressed, together with all other extraneous matter in these volumes. The "Life," also, we must protest against; the little that is known of Shakspeare's personal history is neither fully nor fairly set forth here, and reaction against the foolish idolatry of some writers should not have betrayed Mr. White into what has the appearance of an endeavour to degrade his author to a mere money-grubber, often doing slovenly journey-work, and never writing with any other object in view than dirty pence. Doubtless this was not Mr. White's intention, but the "Life" and various remarks scattered through the volumes unfortunately leave an ill taste on one's literary palate. On the whole, then, though with regret, we must decline to accept this edition as a desirable addition to a Shakspearean library or as one calculated to add to Mr White's deserved reputation.

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THE WEEK.

GAIETY.—Reappearance of Madame Sarah Bernhardt. Revival of 'Fédora,' Drame en Quatre Actes, par Victorien Sardou.

PRINCE'S (Morning Performance).—'Deacon Brodie; or, the Double Life,' a Drama in Four Acts and Ten Tableaux. By Robert Louis Stevenson and William Ernest Henley.

THE reappearance of Madame Bernhardt took place in 'Fédora.' For a time it seemed as though a portion of the magic of the actress had disappeared and the days of transcendant triumph were passed. The acting in the prologue failed to call forth any strong display of enthusiasm, and the marvellous strength and passion of the scene in the first act with Siriex left the public but half impressed. In the third and fourth acts, however, Madame Bernhardt seized once more upon the audience and held her ascendency to the close. A tendency to mistrust the influences to which we have bent is a familiar feature in human nature, upon which there is no need at present to dwell. The attitude of the more critical portion of the public is not seldom sceptical towards things by which it has been previously moved, and a remembered harmony is sometimes heard with a determination to be analytical and not readily to yield to emotion. This attitude to-wards Madame Bernhardt could not long be maintained. The art of Madame Bernhardt is real, and its influence is not to be resisted. Upon her return she seems even better than before. Her performance of Fédora is more crowded with detail. So well chosen are, however, the additions, that the acting has lost nothing of the naturalness and the ease which were among its characteristics. As a study of a fierce, passionate, proud, and susceptible nature, cruel and tender in turns and always feminine, nothing finer has been seen upon the stage. Equally fine is it as a display of histrionic capacity. Seldom, if ever, within recorded experiences have passions more varied and more quickly succeeding been shown with the same marvellous fidelity. In the course of a long and singularly arduous performance there is scarcely a point at which it is possible to suggest an alteration that would not involve a loss more than proportionate to the gain. Nothing is more striking in the modern drama than the eclipse to which the virtuous heroine has been subjected. Desdemonas, Mirandas, and Isabellas are forgotten, and with them have passed all subsequent representatives of purity and fidelity down to the colourless heroines of the plays of Morton or Colman. Delilah is the type that now finds highest favour, and in the presentation of heroines of this class Madame Bernhardt is unequalled. Seduction such as she displays in 'Fédora' was never more fatal or more difficult to resist. The scene in which, divided between love and hate, she leaves Loris Ipanoff to his fate is full of sensuousness and passion. While pursuing him to his death and letting pass no opportunity of goading him on to self-betrayal, she all but surrenders herself, and there is one moment at least when her thirst for revenge almost surrenders to her love. Striking as is this scene, it is not more striking than that in the second act in which the surrender is accomplished, or the final and unavailing attempt to win pardon for her treachery and save the life she knows to be forfeit.

No finer method has ever been brought to the task of interpretation and no closer insight into feminine nature has been afforded. M. Pierre Berton acts with much force and breadth as Loris Ipanoff. The general performance is, however, far from satis-

In presence of an audience including a large number of literary celebrities, 'Deacon Brodie,' the new play of Messrs. R. L. Stevenson and W. E. Henley, was produced on Wednesday afternoon at the Prince's. It is a powerful but unequal work, standing in need of much revision and alteration to fit it for a general public. Such faults, common to most first efforts in the drama, as the wordiness of early scenes and the attempt, at the expense of the interest, to allow one subordinate character after another to manifest a not very significant individuality, are easily removed. The chief difficulty attends the central figure, the origin of which is historic. In Edinburgh lived during the last century a man whose outside life was fair and won him the respect and consideration of his fellow citizens. Behind a sanctimonious exterior, however, was hidden a fierce and dangerous criminal. During the day a deacon of his craft, he was by night a burglar, whose exploits bewildered the authorities and kept Edinburgh in a state of panic. This curiously composite being is the hero of the drama. The basis of the character, as conceived by the dramatists, is a fierce contempt for the smooth-faced rogues of whom, in his estimate, society is wholly composed, and a determination by bold and unscrupulous conduct to obtain an ascendency in crime. "Rogues all" is the exclamation constantly in his mouth. Much pains have been bestowed upon the elaboration of the character, but it remains unsympathetic and, what is worse, unintelligible. The chief fault of the execution is that, in spite of his vapouring, William Brodie is cowed so soon as he meets a man of determination. Alone with Leslie, a candidate for his sister's hand, by whom he is discovered in a criminal attempt, he blusters and gives in. Fronted by Humphrey Moore, a coarse and resolute thief, whom he treats in high-handed fashion, he is frightened into submission which is almost abject. Bold enough is he in action, and the manner in which he dispatches one of the gang who has betrayed his fellows is impressive. In his dealings with others, however, he is simply incomprehensible. A nature shaken by strong winds of passion and remorse is conceivable. Brodie, however, has moods rather than passions. With his sister, whom he has deeply wronged, but who retains in him a touching faith, he is angry and tender in turns, but is unreasonable both in his anger and his tenderness. He is fiercely satirical upon those by whom he is aided, and he dies after a species of indictment of those around him which seems revolting because it is not understood. The psychology of the character must be cleared up, and there will then be a chance for the play. Its gloom is a fault that may easily be overcome, and the entire stoppage of the action for the purpose of showing what may conveniently be told may also be easily remedied. In the chief character lies the real weakness, the removal of which requires a re-

vision of the entire work. The most hopeful features in 'Deacon Brodie' are that the action quickens towards the close, and that the denoument, though puzzling, is novel and striking. In the principal character Mr. E. J. Henley was powerful, but unequal Impressive at one or two points, he seemed at others uncertain and astray. As a whole, the performance was competent. Mr. Edmund Grace, an actor new to London, created, as Humphrey Moore, a highly favourable impression. The literary merits of portions of the dialogue are high. The reception of the play by a friendly audience was eminently favourable.

Bramatic Cossip.

Apropos of the sales of theatrical libraries which have taken place during the present week, which have taken place during the present week, it is worthy of note that the craze in favour of works of this class seems augmenting. In the sale of Dutton Cook's library a fairly clean copy of Tate Wilkinson's 'Wandering Patentee,' in four volumes, fetched 5l., and an indifferent copy of the 'Memoirs,' four volumes in two, in a commonplace binding, three guineas. Works a commonplace binding, three gamess. Works that might have been bought for a few shillings twenty years ago brought as many pounds. This is at least worthy of notice as a symptom of the revival of interest in things theatrical to which we have frequent occasion to allude.

On Friday night Madame Bernhardt appeared for the first time in London as Lady Macbeth, supported by M. Marais as Macbeth. The cast with which 'Frou-Frou' is to be presented, including M. Marais as Sartoris and M. Pierre Berton as Valréas, is of exceptional strength.

A PERFORMANCE of Mr. Gilbert's comedy of 'Broken Hearts' was given on Tuesday morning at the Savoy, with Miss Annie Rose as Vavir, Miss Bromley as Hilda, Mr. Vezin as Mousta, and Mr. Kyrle Bellew as Florian. It was followed by that of a new one-act comedy-drama, by Messrs. W. T. Blackmore and B. F. Bussy, entitled 'Dorothy's Birthday.

A FOUR-ACT comedy, entitled 'A Tangled Web,' by Vere Chester, a pseudonym behind which is hidden a well-known authoress, was produced on Thursday afternoon at the Criterion Theatre, in presence of an audience assembled by invitation. Its story deals with the attempted revenge of a daughter upon a father who has wronged her mother by a false marriage. The workmanship shows many traces of inexperience, but the plot is fairly sympathetic. Miss Alma Murray obtained a thorough success as the

A FOUR-ACT comedy, by Mr. A. Lubimoff, entitled 'A Young Wife,' was given at the Vaudeville on Tuesday afternoon, and was preceded by Morris Barnett's one-act drama 'Monsieur Jacques.' The principal characters in the entertainment were taken by Mr. Lubimoff and his pupils. his pupils.

A VERSION of Mr. W. D. Howells's novel 'A Foregone Conclusion' will be produced at the Olympic on Friday next by Mr. William Poel. Mr. and Mrs. Macklin, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stephenson, and Mr. Poel will play the principal

ROUEN is going to observe next October the bicentenary of the death of the great Corneilla. A Musée Corneille will be established in the town hall, which will contain manuscripts, books, paintings, &c., referring to the drama-

THE death is announced, at the age of eighty, of G. Gatinelli, the Italian actor and dramatis

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